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High Wire Tragedy

An injured female performer is lifted onto a stretcher after a platform collapsed during an aerial hair-hanging stunt at the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus, Sunday, May 4, 2014, in Providence, R.I. At least nine performers were seriously injured in the fall, including a dancer below, while an unknown number of others suffered minor injuries.

(AP Photo/Providence Journal, Bob Breidenbach)

Acrobats Fall During Ringling Bros. Circus Act

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PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island (AP) — A platform collapsed during an aerial hair-hanging stunt at a circus performance Sunday, sending eight acrobats plummeting to the ground. Nine performers were seriously injured in the fall, in-

cluding a dancer below, while an unknown number of others suffered less serious injuries.

The accident was reported about 45 minutes into the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus' 11 a.m. Legends show at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence.

Stephen Payne, a spokesman for Feld Entertainment, the parent company of Ringling Bros., said the accident happened during an act in which eight performers hang "like a human chandelier" using their hair.

He said the metal-frame apparatus from which the

performers were hanging came free from the metal truss it was connected to. The eight women fell up to 40 feet (12 meters), landing on a dancer on the ground. All the performers have been doing "some variation of this act for some time," Payne said, though he didn't know how long.

The current incarnation of the act began in January with the launch of the show, he said.

Providence Public Safety Commissioner Steven Pare said officials and inspectors haven't yet determined what caused the accident.

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Pro-Russian crowd storms police HQ in Ukraine port

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Associated Press

ODESSA, Ukraine (AP) —

Outrage over the deaths of pro-Russian activists in riots

in Odessa triggered new violence Sunday in the Black Sea port, where a mob of protesters stormed police headquarters and freed dozens of their jailed allies.

The activists had been jailed for their involvement in clashes Friday that killed more than 40 people — some died from gunshot wounds, but most from

a fire that broke out in a trade union building. It was the worst violence in the Ukrainian crisis since more than 100 people died in Kiev in February, most of

them shot by snipers.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk visited Odessa on Sunday to try to defuse the mounting tensions and hinted strongly that he saw Moscow's hand in the unrest spreading through southeastern Ukraine. Odessa is the major city between the Crimean Peninsula, which Russia annexed in March, and the Moldovan separatist region of Trans-Dniester, where Russia has a military peacekeeping contingent. Concerns are mounting that Moscow ultimately aims to take control of a huge swath of southeastern Ukraine from Trans-Dniester to Russian-dominated industrial areas in the east. Russian President Vladimir Putin, who calls the area historically Russian lands, has said he doesn't want to send in troops but will if necessary to protect his country's interests.

Alexei Pushkov, a prominent member of Russia's parliament who often expresses Kremlin views on foreign policy, suggested Ukraine was destined to be split apart.

"Through the justification of arson, military operations and the killing of Russians in Ukraine, the Kiev government is destroying the basis for the existence of a united country," Pushkov said on Twitter.

Yatsenyuk said Odessa police were being investigated for their failure to keep the peace during the riots and said he had ordered prosecutors to find "all instigators, all organizers and all those that under Russian leadership began a deadly attack on Ukraine and Odessa." Hours later, however, the police bowed to a mob of several hundred pro-Russian demonstrators who attacked their headquarters, smashing doors, windows and security surveillance cameras. Shortly after some of them managed to break into an inner courtyard, police released the detainees, who were swept up by the cheering, rain-dampened crowd that had been chanting "Freedom!" □



A man screams after being released from a local police station which was stormed by pro-Russian protesters in Odessa, Ukraine, Sunday, May 4, 2014. Several prisoners that were detained during clashes that erupted Friday between pro-Russians and government supporters in the key port on the Black Sea coast were released under the pressure of protesters that broke into a local police station and received a hero's welcome by crowds.

(AP Photo/Vadim Ghirda)

Report: Nuclear inspectors to visit Iranian sites

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Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Interna-

tional nuclear inspectors will visit two sites in Iran in the coming days, the country's official news agency reported Sunday, as an official said that would fulfill a series of demands made by the United Nations nuclear watchdog.

The demands by the International Atomic Energy Agency, which Iran was required to meet by May 15, include releasing information about its efforts to develop a type of explosive detonator that can be used in nuclear weapons.

A report by Iran's official IRNA news agency quoted Behrouz Kamalvandi, spokesman of Iran's atomic department, as saying the inspectors will visit a ura-

nium mine and a uranium-thickening facility in central Iranian towns of Ardakan and Yazd on Monday and Tuesday.

"Following the visit, Iran will be able to say that the seven-agreed measures between Iran and the agency have fulfilled," Kamalvandi said. "Already six steps have been taken."

He did not elaborate. His comments refer to an agreement struck between the U.N. nuclear watchdog and Iran in February, which included the detonators.

The agency mentioned its concerns about detonator development three years ago as part of a list of activities it said could indicate that Tehran had secretly worked on nuclear weapons. The technology had "limited civilian and con-

ventional military applications," it said back then, adding: "given their possible application in a nuclear explosive device ... Iran development of such detonators and equipment is a matter of concern."

The West fears Iran's nuclear program could allow it to build an atomic bomb. Iran denies the charge saying its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes such as power generation and medical research.

The other demands included access to nuclear sites and more information about its enrichment process.

The inspectors' visit comes as expert-level talks will begin on Monday in New York between Iran and representatives from world powers that struck an initial nu-

clear deal with the Islamic Republic in November.

Under the November deal, Tehran stopped enrichment of uranium to 20 percent — which is a possible pathway to nuclear arms — in exchange for the easing of some Western sanctions. It also agreed to dilute half of its 20 percent enriched uranium into 5 percent and turn the remaining half into oxide, which is very difficult to be used for bomb-making materials.

Now, negotiators from Iran, Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the U.S. will attempt to make a final deal before a July 20 deadline. Already, Iran has said it will redesign its Arak heavy water reactor to greatly limit the amount of plutonium it can make, a major concession. □

Official: Boy who stowed away on jet leaves Hawaii

HONOLULU (AP) — The 15-year-old boy who survived a 5½-hour flight from California to Hawaii in a jet's wheel well has left the state, but officials would not say where they sent him and with whom.

Zahra Biloo, who has been speaking on behalf of the boy's family, declined to provide any details, saying she wasn't authorized to discuss the matter.

"We're doing our best to help the family maintain the privacy they requested," she said this weekend.

Mukhtar Guled, a cousin of the boy's stepmother, told the San Jose Mercury News on Friday that it wasn't clear whether the father would be allowed to bring his son home.

"He could not see him. They won't let him see him or visit him or talk to him," Guled said.

Yahya Abdi endured the flight from San Jose, California, to Maui after hopping an airport fence and climbing into the wheel well of a Boeing 767. He has not spoken publicly about the ordeal that raised questions about airport security and revealed the personal family drama of a Somali immigrant struggling to adjust to life in the United States.

Abdi, who lives in Santa Clara with his father, stepmother and siblings, had been unhappy in California and desperately missed his mother, according to those who know his family.

Kayla Rosenfeld, the spokeswoman for Hawaii's Department of Human Services, said late Friday that the youth is "no longer in Hawaii."

Her brief emailed statement did not specify how or when Yahya Abdi left, whom he traveled with or where he went. A call to her office was not immediately answered early Saturday. The boy's father, Abdilahi Yusuf, arrived in Hawaii this week from the family's home in Santa Clara, California, to bring him back. □

Perry signals possible interest in a 2016 bid

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WASHINGTON - Gov. Rick Perry of Texas on Sunday sent some of his clearest signals of interest in a 2016 presidential bid, joking wryly about his "botched" run in 2012 but then adding that "I think America is a place that believes in second chances."

Appearing on the NBC program "Meet the Press," Perry defended his state's use of the death penalty as "appropriate and humane," even after the bungled execution in Oklahoma last week. He called for a greater national focus on job creation and the underemployed, particularly women. And he criticized President Barack Obama for a "one-size-fits-all" approach to solving problems perhaps best left to the states.

But as Perry begins traveling across the country and abroad to extol the vigorous Texas economy and raise his national profile, he chose not to deflect discussions about his presidential aspirations. Asked about what many saw as his "botched" run in 2012 - when he was tripped up in part by an agonizing

memory lapse during a nationally televised debate - Perry chuckled and said, "I would tend to agree with them on the botched effort side of it."

But he went on to talk

travels around the country he would talk about "how do we make America more competitive" and "how you get Americans back to work" - themes that clearly extend be-

With Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, considered a presidential hopeful, and former President George W. Bush saying last week that he hoped his brother Jeb would seek the office,



Texas Gov. Rick Perry speaks at the Conservative Political Action Conference in National Harbor, Md. Perry on Sunday, May 4, 2014, sent some of his clearest signals of interest in a 2016 presidential bid during his appearance on the NBC program "Meet the Press."

(Drew Angerer/The New York Times)

about "second chances," and added, "I think that we see more character out of an individual by how do you perform after you fail and you go forward." The governor said that in his

beyond the borders of Texas. Perry's term - he took office in 2000 and is the state's longest-serving governor - ends in nine months, and he said in July that he would not seek re-election.

Perry was asked whether there was "room in Texas for all of you in the presidential race."

His reply, delivered with a confident smile: "It's a big state." □

US terror case defense wants surveillance records

CHICAGO (AP) — Attorneys for a Chicago terrorism suspect are urging a federal appeals court to uphold a trial judge's decision to grant defense lawyers unprecedented access to secret intelligence-court records.

In their March appeal to the U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago, prosecutors said letting the defense see the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court documentation would be a "sea change" in how such sensitive documents are handled and could end up jeopardizing national security.

But attorneys for 20-year-old Adel Daoud argued in a Friday filing that the trial judge acted appropriately and didn't abuse discretion when ordering that the defense could see the

documents. Daoud is a U.S. citizen from a Chicago-area suburb. Prosecutors say he took a phony car bomb from an undercover FBI agent in 2012, parked it by a downtown Chicago bar and pressed a trigger, but Daoud has denied those allegations.

Former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden's revelations expanded U.S. phone and Internet spying raised the profile of such issues. And the legal debate about whether secret court documents will be shown to Daoud's attorneys is being watched by other lawyers defending terrorism suspects.

The surprise January ruling by U.S. District Judge Sharon Johnson Coleman was the first time defense attorneys had been told

they could go through an application prosecutors submitted to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, or FISA, which was established in 1978 as a check on government surveillance. Coleman said allowing defense attorneys to vet all potential evidence against their clients was the "bedrock" of the Sixth Amendment's guarantee that defendants will get a fair trial.

But the government, in its 35-page appeal, described the documents as dealing with "exceptionally sensitive issues with profound national security implications" and said Coleman's ruling could set a dangerous precedent.

"The district court ... misjudged the damage to national security that could result from disclosing the

FISA applications and orders," the appeal said. "Disclosure may lead to an unacceptable risk of compromising the intelligence-gathering process and undercut the FBI's ongoing ability to pursue national security investigations."

The prosecutors' filing also called Coleman's ruling an "outlier decision" that ran counter to established practice of judges, not defense attorneys, going through FISA papers to decide if some information could be relevant to trial.

Two weeks after her original decision, Coleman agreed to put her ruling on hold while the appeals process ran its course. □

With the issue unresolved, she also pushed the start of Daoud's trial to Nov. 10 from April 7. □

Acrobats fall during Ringling Bros. Circus Act

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He said none of the injuries appears to be life-threatening.

Roman Garcia, general manager of the Legends show, asked people to pray for the performers.

"Everybody's doing fine, everybody's at the hospital, everybody's conscious, everybody's doing pretty well," he said at the Dunkin' Donuts Center less than two hours after the accident.

Rhode Island Hospital in Providence admitted 11 patients with varying injuries, including one in critical condition, spokeswoman Jill Reuter said.

The hair-hanging stunt is described on the circus'

website as a "larger-than-life act" featuring eight female performers.

"These 'hairialists' perform a combination of choreography and cut-ups including spinning, hanging from hoops, and rolling down wrapped silks, all while being suspended 35 feet (10.6 meters) in the air by their hair alone," the website says. "In this hair-raising act, audiences will even see the weight of three girls held aloft by the locks of only one of these tangled beauties."

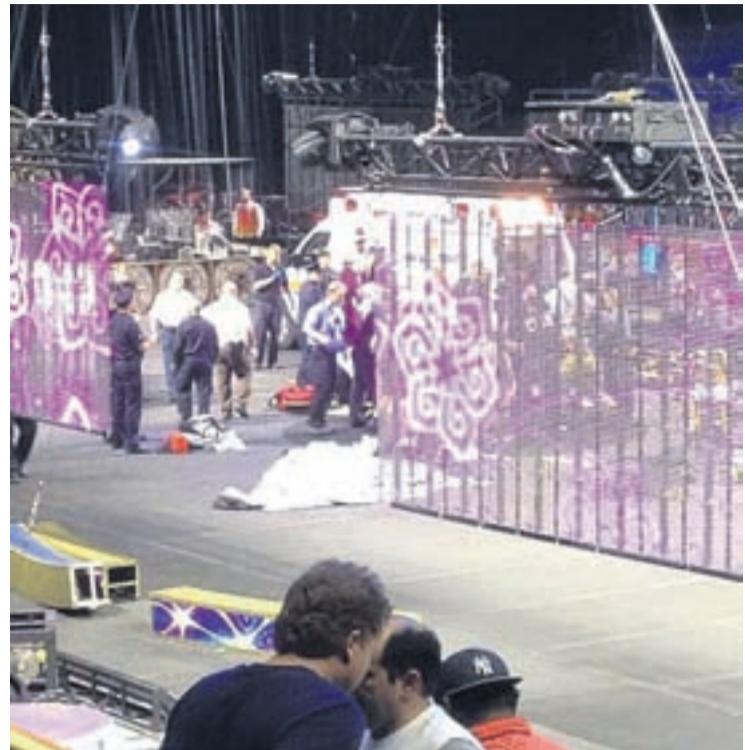
Video taken by audience members showed a curtain coming down, and several performers hanging around 25 feet (7.6 meters) in the air from an apparatus suspended from above. Seconds later, as they began

to perform, the women fell and the metal apparatus landed on them.

"It just went crashing down," said audience member Sydney Bragg, 14. "Everyone was freaking out. We heard this huge clatter and then we just heard the girls scream." She said spotlights were on the performers at the time, but all the lights went out after the fall.

Rosa Viveiros of Seekonk, Massachusetts, said she saw that the acrobats had fallen on top of at least one other performer on the ground, a man who stood up with his face bloodied. The acrobats remained still and did not get up, she said.

"We thought it was part of the circus," said her hus-



In a cell phone photo provided by Tara Griggs, emergency workers tend to injured performers after a platform collapsed, Sunday, May 4, 2014, during the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus' Legends show at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence, R.I. At least nine people were injured in the fall, including a dancer below. Roman Garcia, general manager of the show, said the accident occurred during the "hair hang" act in which the performers hang from their hair.

(AP Photo/Tara Griggs)

band, Joe.

The couple attended the circus with their 6-year-old grandson and 9-year-old niece.

"Everyone was in shock," Rosa Viveiros said. "It was pretty overwhelming to see that."

The circus began performances in Providence on

Friday. The Dunkin' Donuts Center canceled two shows scheduled for later Sunday.

A Ringling Bros. aerial performer was killed in 2004 in St. Paul, Minnesota, when she was twirling 30 feet in the air on long chiffon scarves and the material gave way. □

Rice cancels Rutgers speech after protests held over Iraq

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Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who had been invited to give the commencement address at Rutgers University in New Jersey this month, said this weekend that she would no longer give the speech. Her announcement came after weeks of protests by some students and faculty members over the university's decision to invite her. Protesters had argued that Rice should not have been selected as the speaker because of her involvement in the Iraq War during the George W. Bush administration. Students staged a sit-in last

week outside the office of the university's president, Robert L. Barchi, to protest the speech, scheduled for May 18. On Saturday, Rice released a statement saying she did not want to detract from the day's festivities. "Commencement should be a time of joyous celebration for the graduates and their families," the statement said. "Rutgers' invitation to me to speak has become a distraction for the university community at this very special time." "I am honored to have served my country," she added. "I have defended America's belief in free speech and the exchange of ideas. □

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Police: Arkansas Gunman knew shooting victims

JONESBORO, Arkansas

(AP) — A gunman who shot and killed three people and injured four more in northeast Arkansas was an acquaintance or friend of the victims, police said Sunday, but noted the motive still is unknown.

Authorities identified the shooter as Porfirio Hernandez, 40, who recently had been released from a mental health treatment facility. Formon did not give further details in an email to The Associated Press.

Jonesboro Police Sgt. Doug Formon said police responded to a shooting about 1 p.m. Saturday. Chrisanto Islas, 38, and Floza Davila, 12, were killed there and four others were injured. Survivors and witnesses at the house identified Hernandez as the sole gunman and provided a description of him and the vehicle he was driving.

Police said three people are in critical condition in hospitals in Memphis, Tennessee: Augusten Hernandez, 43; Ayde Davila, 36; and Anquel Islas, 8. A 10-year-old boy, Brayam Davila, is in stable condition.

Jonesboro Police Chief Mike Yates said Sunday at a news conference there were several other people in the home who managed to run from the gunfire, television station KAIT reported.

Yates said that all but one of the victims was shot in the head, and Brayam Davila was shot in the hip. Hernandez said nothing as



Drug Task Force Detective Josh Talbott, left, and Jonesboro Police Department Patrolman First Class Duane Busby run across a field adjacent to Moore Road while responding to a Saturday, May 3, 2014 shooting in Jonesboro, Ark. A gunman shot six people at an Arkansas home Saturday, killing a man and a teenager and critically wounding two boys, before fatally shooting a worker at a nearby business, police said.

(AP Photo/Sarah Morris)

he opened fire and continued shooting through the home, according to witnesses.

Yates said it appears Hernandez had to reload the .357 magnum handgun because of the weapon's six-bullet capacity, KAIT reported.

About 20 minutes after the first shooting, police responded to a second shooting about three miles away, where they found Richard Lopez, 31, dead. A witness described a vehicle matching the description from the Jonesboro home. Investigators then received a report that a car matching the description of the shooter's had been located on a rural county road. □

Cruise ship stuck near New York City tugged to shore

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard says a cruise ship from the Caribbean suffered a steering glitch near its New York City port and had to be tugged to shore.

Spokesman Frank Iannazzo Simmons says the Norwegian Cruise Line vessel was supposed to dock at 7 a.m. Sunday but developed a problem with its steering and propulsion system as it approached a Manhattan pier on the Hudson River. □

The ship, called the Breakaway, waited in the river while the captain of the port ordered tugboat assistance to help with the docking.

The Coast Guard says the ship was pulled to Manhattan's Pier 88 just after 10 a.m.

It was not clear how many passengers were aboard. Norwegian Cruise Line did not immediately return a call seeking comment on the glitch. □

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1st openly gay Episcopal bishop to divorce husband

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AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The first openly gay Episcopal bishop, who became a symbol for gay rights far beyond the church while deeply dividing the world's Anglicans, plans to divorce his husband.

Bishop Gene Robinson has never been fully accepted within the more than 70 million-member Anglican Communion, which is rooted in the Church of England and represented in the United States by the Episcopal Church.

Robinson announced the end of his marriage to Mark Andrew in an email sent to the Diocese of New Hampshire, where he served for nine years before retiring in 2012.

Robinson would not disclose details about the end of their 25-year relationship but wrote Sunday in The Daily Beast he owed a debt to Andrew "for standing by me through the challenges of the last decade."

"It is at least a small comfort to me, as a gay rights and marriage equality advocate, to know that like any marriage, gay and lesbian couples are subject to the same complications and hardships that afflict marriages between heterosexual couples," Robinson

wrote. "All of us sincerely intend, when we take our wedding vows, to live up to the ideal of 'til death do us part. But not all of us are able to see this through until death indeed parts us."

Episcopal dioceses and parishes to break away and establish the Anglican Church in North America with other theological conservatives overseas. Robinson was barred in 2008 by

pioneer for gay rights, became an advocate for gay marriage and was the subject of several books and a documentary about Christianity, the Bible and same-sex relationships. He

Robinson, 66, had been married to a woman and had two children before he and his wife divorced. He and Andrew had been partners for more than a decade when Robinson was elected to lead the New Hampshire Diocese. The two men were joined in a 2008 civil union in New Hampshire, which became a legal marriage when the state recognized gay marriage two years later.

"My belief in marriage is undiminished by the reality of divorcing someone I have loved for a very long time, and will continue to love even as we separate," Robinson wrote. "Love can endure, even if a marriage cannot."

A spokeswoman for Episcopal Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori referred requests for comment to the Diocese of New Hampshire. A spokeswoman for current New Hampshire Bishop Rob Hirschfeld cited an email he sent to local clergy and wardens urging prayer for Robinson and Andrew. Robert Lundy, a spokesman for the American Anglican Council, a fellowship for theological conservatives, said the argument against gay marriage is based on the Bible and will not be helped or hurt by the dissolution of any one marriage. □



In this photo released by the Episcopal Dioceses of New Hampshire, Mark Andrew, left, and Bishop V. Gene Robinson are shown during their private civil union ceremony performed by Ronna Wise in Concord, N.H., in this Saturday June 7, 2008 file photo. Robinson, the first openly gay Episcopal bishop, announced Saturday May 3, 2014 he is getting divorced from Andrew.

(AP Photo)

Robinson declined to comment further Sunday to The Associated Press. The bishop endured death threats during his 2003 consecration and intense scrutiny of his personal life, and in 2006, he sought treatment for alcoholism. His election prompted some

then-Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams from the Lambeth Conference, the once-a-decade global meeting of all Anglican bishops, as Williams struggled to find a way to keep Anglicans united. But Robinson was also widely celebrated as a

delivered the benediction at the opening 2009 inaugural event for President Barack Obama and, after retirement, became a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, a Democratic think tank with close ties to the White House.

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Cautionary signs for America's April jobs report

JOSH BOAK
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Employers added a sizable 288,000 jobs in April. Hiring in February and March was better than first thought.

The unemployment rate plunged to 6.3 percent from 6.7 percent.

At first glance, Friday's U.S. jobs report suggested that the agonizingly slow 5-year-old economic recovery had burst into a full sprint.

Yet several cautionary signs emerged from the report, starting with that spectacular plunge in the unemployment rate.

Here's why: The government uses two surveys for the jobs report. The job gain comes from a survey of businesses, the unemployment rate from a survey of households. Sometimes, the two conflict.

The survey of businesses showed 288,000 more jobs.

Yet the household survey, in calculating unemployment, found that 73,000 fewer people had jobs.

Why did the unemployment rate sink? Because 806,000 fewer people were in the workforce. Many retired or ended their job hunts. And fewer-than-expected people began looking for work.

The unemployment rate typically drops when fewer people seek work: If they're not hunting for a job, they're not counted as unemployed.

All of which points to an underlying weakness in an otherwise improving job market.

"When you have a robust economy, you don't get these mixed messages," said Douglas Holtz-Eakin, a former head of the Con-

gressional Budget Office and now president of the conservative American Action Forum.

Here are some cautionary signs from April's jobs report:

543,000 FEWER PEOPLE SEEKING WORK

Let's dive a bit deeper into that unemployment rate. People flow into and out of the job market each month. Some leave for school; others return, armed with a degree. Some quit to raise a family. Some apply for jobs after their kids start kindergarten. In April, the number of people who began looking for work fell off a statistical cliff.

This suggests that the recovery lacks the kind of gravitational force needed to draw more workers back into the fold. Just 58.9 percent of the working-age population holds a job. That's down from 62.9 percent before the recession began at the end of 2007.

NO HOUSING REBOUND

Builders added 32,000 workers in April. But just 41 percent of them were for constructing homes. That share is usually around 50 percent. The lower figure likely reflects how much housing has cooled this year after a solid improvement in 2013. Sales of new homes plunged 14.5 percent last month, according to the Commerce Department.

Friday's report suggested that homebuilding could remain sluggish.

"You see that in the hiring numbers," said Steve Blitz, chief economist at ITG Investment Research. "You see it in the borrowing numbers. And you see it in the value of private construction put in place."



A sign points to a job fair on the campus of Kaplan University in Lincoln, Neb. At first glance, April's U.S. employment report suggested that the agonizingly slow 5½-year-old economic recovery has gained new momentum. Yet several cautionary signs emerged from the report.

(AP Photo/Nati Harnik)

HIGH SCHOOL GRADS AND DROPOUTS LOSING OUT

People who've never been to college — about a third of workers older than 25 — are struggling. More than 200,000 high school dropouts lost jobs last month. So did 276,000 high school graduates. This group isn't sharing in a recovery in which college has become practically a prerequisite. Only 54.3 percent of high school grads either have a job or are looking for one. That's down from roughly 60 percent before the recession.

FLAT WAGES

Average weekly paychecks didn't budge in April. They were \$838.70, exactly as in March. □



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US teachers nowhere as diverse as their students

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. teachers are nowhere near as diverse as their students: almost half the students attending public schools are minorities, yet fewer than 1 in 5 of their teachers is non-white.

New studies from the Center for American Progress and the National Education Association are calling attention to this "diversity gap" at elementary and secondary schools in the United States. The groups want more to be done to help teachers more accurately mirror the students in their classrooms.

There were about 3.3 million teachers in American public elementary and secondary schools in 2012,

according to a study by the National Center for Education Statistics. It said 82 percent were white, 8 percent were Hispanic, 7 percent were black and about 2 percent were Asian.

Students are a different story. In 1993, minority students made up 31 percent of the public school population; it was 41 percent in 2003.

The Center for American Progress' most recent statistics show 48 percent of the students in public schools are nonwhite — 23 percent Hispanic, 16 percent black and 5 percent Asian — and that percentage is expected to continue to increase.

"We project that this fall, for the first time in Ameri-

can history, the majority of public school students in America will be nonwhite," Education Secretary Arne Duncan said last week. Hispanics have passed

ber of the NEA's executive committee. "Nothing can help motivate our students more than to see success standing right in front of them."

at her school.

"We have very few teachers of minority background yet we've gone to about 40 percent minority population," said Alderson, who



Lyle Alderson, left, a former teacher, with his wife Jan Alderson, a high school science teacher, both of Overland Park, Kansas, and Kevin Gilbert, 42, of Ridgeland, Miss., right, a member-at-large on the National Education Association (NEA) executive committee and a former social studies teacher and coach, are interviewed in Washington on Thursday, May 1, 2014. Mrs. Alderson is a National Teacher Hall of Fame inductee.

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blacks as the largest minority group of teachers, just as there are more Hispanic students than African-Americans in the public school system. This tracks with the increases in the number of Hispanics in the United States, with Latinos the largest minority group in the country and the fastest-growing.

Teachers are always pushing their students to excel, said Kevin Gilbert, coordinator of teacher leadership and special projects for the Clinton Public School District in Clinton, Mississippi.

It becomes easier for students to believe "when they can look and see someone who looks just like them, that they can relate to," said Gilbert, a mem-

More than minority students would benefit from a more diverse teacher corps, said Ulrich Boser, the author of the center's report.

"Even in a place like North Dakota, where the students aren't particularly diverse relative to the rest of the country, it's important for our social fabric, for our sense as a nation, that students are engaging with people who think, talk and act differently than them but can also be just as effective at raising student achievement in the classroom," he said.

Jan Alderson, a science teacher at Shawnee Mission South High School in Overland Park, Kansas, saw the changes in the ethnic makeup of students

was inducted into the National Teacher Hall of Fame this past week. "It's a beautiful blending, it's just teachers who don't have that cultural background, I think just that there are more issues." Teaching used to be one of the only professions African-American college graduates could aspire to and make decent money, said LaRuth Gray, who is scholar-in-residence at the Metropolitan Center for Research on Equity and the Transformation of Schools at New York University. But as the county integrated and other professions opened their ranks, education lost its "cachet" and fewer African-American students thought about becoming teachers, she said. □

Sinn Fein's Adams freed after 5 days in custody



Sinn Fein party leader Gerry Adams speaks to the media in West Belfast, Northern Ireland, Sunday May 4, 2014. Adams was released without charge Sunday after five days of police questioning over his alleged involvement in a decades-old Irish Republican Army killing, an event that has driven a dangerous wedge into Northern Ireland's unity government.

(AP Photo/Peter Morrison)

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Associated Press

BELFAST, Northern Ireland

(AP) — Sinn Fein party leader Gerry Adams was released without charge Sunday after five days of police questioning over his alleged involvement in a decades-old IRA killing of a Belfast mother of 10, an investigation that has driven a dangerous wedge into Northern Ireland's unity government.

Addressing reporters and supporters at a Belfast hotel, Adams said he wanted his party to provide help to the children of Jean McConville, the 37-year-old widow taken from her home by the Irish Republican Army in 1972, killed and dumped in an unmarked grave. He also rejected claims by IRA veterans in audiotaped interviews that he had ordered the killing.

"I am innocent of any involvement in any conspiracy to abduct, kill or bury Mrs. McConville. I have worked hard with others to have this injustice redressed," said Adams, 65, who has led Sinn Fein since 1983 and won credit for steering the IRA toward cease-fires and compromise with Northern Ireland's Protestant majority.

Yet the investigation of Adams is not over. Police said they have sent an evidence file to Northern Ire-

land prosecutors for potential charges later.

"For all I know I can still face charges," Adams said. He said he had been interviewed 33 times during 92 hours in custody. "One presumes they would have made a charge against me. But they offered no evidence against me whatsoever."

The episode has underscored the unrelenting hostility of some Protestants to Adams and his party's ambitions to merge Northern Ireland into the Republic of Ireland. His departure from the police's main interrogation center in Antrim, west of Belfast, was delayed two hours by a crowd of Protestants outside the front gate. The protesters waved Union Jack flags and held placards demanding justice for IRA victims. They roared with fury as a convoy of police armored vehicles came into view, thinking Adams' car was in the middle.

Dozens of officers — many sporting full riot gear with flame-retardant boiler suits, body armor, helmets and shields — confronted the hardline Protestants, many of whom covered their faces, as they tried to block Adams' exit by sitting down in the roadway. After a 15-minute standoff, police escorted Adams out via a rear exit that the protesters

could not see.

Adams said detectives chiefly questioned him about audiotaped interviews that IRA veterans gave to a Boston College oral history project. Police successfully sued in U.S. courts last year to acquire the accounts, which had been given to researchers on condition that they remain secret until the interviewees' own deaths. Some accused Adams of being the Belfast IRA commander who ordered McConville's killing. One former Adams colleague in the Belfast IRA, Brendan Hughes, specified that Adams gave the order that her body should vanish to leave her fate deliberately unclear.

The IRA did not admit responsibility for killing McConville until 1999, when the underground organization defended its action by claiming she had been a British Army spy. Her remains were found accidentally in 2003 near a Republic of Ireland beach. An investigation three years later by Northern Ireland's police complaints watchdog found no evidence she had been a spy.

Most of McConville's 10 children, aged 6 to 17 at the time of her disappearance, were placed in separate foster homes and grew up as strangers to each other. On Sunday they expressed disappointment, but no surprise, at Adams' freedom. □

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Kerry urges Congolese leader not to run for 3rd term



President Joseph Kabila of the Democratic Republic of Congo, right, greets U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry at the Palais de la Nation in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, May 4, 2014. Kerry on Sunday urged Kabila, who has been in office since 2001, to respect his nation's Constitution and not run for another term in 2016.

(Saul Loeb/Pool via The New York times)

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KINSHASA, Democratic Republic of Congo - Secretary of State John Kerry on Sunday urged the president of the Democratic Republic of Congo to respect his nation's Constitution and

not run for another term in 2016.

There has been speculation among the political opposition that President Joseph Kabila, who has been in office since 2001, might seek to have the Constitution amended so that he could

run for a third term.

"Clearly, the United States believes that a country is strengthened, that people have respect for their nation and their government, when a constitutional process is properly implemented and upheld by that

government," Kerry said. "He has an opportunity, which he understands, to be able to put the country on a continued path to democracy," he added. Kabila had no comment on Kerry's appeal and has not said whether he might seek to have the Constitution changed.

Kerry, who has promoted the importance of democratic values during a swing through Africa, met Sunday morning with Kabila at his white marble presidential palace to discuss political and security issues.

One of the chief rebel groups that Kabila has faced, the M23 militia, ordered its fighters to lay down their arms last year in an agreement signed in December in Nairobi, Kenya, after suffering a series of military setbacks and after Rwanda, under pressure from the United States, curtailed its support for the group.

But some 2,000 members of the group fled to Rwanda and Uganda. Congo wants them to return so that it can either reintegrate them into

the government under an amnesty or try some for war crimes. A senior State Department official traveling with Kerry asserted that Rwanda and Uganda still supported their return but that Kabila's government had been slow to carry out the agreement.

The United States also wants Kabila to pursue the Allied Democratic Forces, a militia that originated in Uganda, and the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda - known as the FDLR, for the initials of its French name - whose members have been linked to the genocide in Rwanda. Kerry said the United States would contribute \$30 million to help Congo hold elections. Much of the money will be provided to nongovernmental organizations, but about \$2 million will probably be provided to the nation's electoral commission.

Kerry arrived here after visiting Ethiopia and South Sudan. He plans to finish his trip with talks in Angola with President José Eduardo dos Santos. □

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Egypt: Militants claim responsibility for 2 attacks

ASHRAF SWEILAM
Associated Press

EL-ARISH, Egypt (AP) — An Egyptian militant group claimed responsibility Sunday for twin suicide bombings that targeted a military checkpoint and a tourist bus, killing at least one soldier and wounding nine in southern Sinai.

In a statement posted on militant websites, the al-Qaida-inspired group Champions of Jerusalem told the Egyptian army: "We will not rest until we achieve retri-

bution for the blood and honor of the Muslims."

The group has been behind the deadliest attacks against military and police installations in Egypt following the military overthrow of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi last year. Another new group, known as Egypt's Soldiers has claimed responsibility for several smaller bombings targeting individual officers. Security officials fear the attacks on troops will intensify ahead of presiden-

tial elections scheduled for later this month. Retired Field Marshal Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, the former military chief who oversaw Morsi's ouster, is the front-runner.

In a boost to el-Sissi, the ultraconservative Islamist Al-Nour party publicly endorsed him for presidency. In a statement published Sunday, the Salafi party said after meeting with el-Sissi and his opponent, leftist Hamdeen Sabahi, it decided to support the former military chief. □



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China premier arrives in Africa eyeing better ties

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP)

— China's prime minister arrived Sunday in Ethiopia for a four-country tour of Africa, calling for deeper ties with his country and seeking to recast a relationship that has admittedly faced difficulties.

Li Keqiang, who before leaving China acknowledged "growing pains" in China-Africa ties, met with Ethiopian Premier Hailemariam Desalegn and signed a number of trade agreements.

"China and Africa's destiny is closely linked. We supported each other during the struggle for independence."

And in the course of national development, we have always treated each other as equals," Li said in the capital, Addis Ababa. "We have forged a relationship of mutual learning in our civilizations and cultures.

We have respected each other's choices in the path of development according to our national conditions, and we are learning from

each other," he said.

"For these reasons, we need to deepen our ties in pursuit of common development," Li added.

Before leaving China, Li urged Chinese companies to strictly abide by local laws and regulations, hold themselves accountable for the quality of their projects and goods and to consumers, and "shoulder due responsibility" for local communities and the environment, said a news release quoted by the official Xinhua News Agency.

Last year, China-Africa trade reached \$210 billion, with more than 2,500 Chinese companies operating on the continent, according to Xinhua.

But tensions exist around allegations of shoddy construction and a lack of respect for employment and other local laws. China has also faced allegations that its pervasive influence has more than a whiff of colonialism about it.

"I wish to assure our African friends in all seriousness that China will never pursue a



Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, left, is welcomed by Ethiopian Premier Hailemariam Desalegn at the Ethiopian Presidential Palace, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Sunday May 4, 2014. Chinese Premier Li Keqiang has started his four-country tour of Africa with calls for deepening of ties between China and Africa. Li arrived in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa Sunday and met with Ethiopian Premier Hailemariam Desalegn and signed a raft of trade agreements.

(AP Photo/Elias Asmare)

colonialist path like some countries did or allow colonialism, which belonged to the past, to reappear in Africa," Li said before departing. He said companies

have encountered "growing pains" and the Chinese government takes such issues seriously.

But he said problems in the relationship were "isolated

cases."

Last year, Zambia's government seized control of a Chinese-run coal mine, saying Chinese managers had failed to address safety, health and environmental concerns. In 2010, two Chinese managers there were accused of shooting miners during a labor dispute, and later clashes reportedly saw one Chinese worker killed and two others injured.

Li also urged African countries to protect the lawful rights and interests of Chinese companies and the safety of their employees. China has come under increasing pressure from its citizens to protect their rights abroad.

The weeklong trip by Li and his wife Cheng Hong includes stops in Nigeria, Angola and Kenya, marking the first time the premier has visited Africa since taking office last year.

Li will visit African Union headquarters in Addis Ababa and attend the World Economic Forum on Africa, held in Nigeria. □

Survivors unlikely after mine collapse strikes in Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— Authorities have given up hope of finding alive 13 missing miners trapped under 20 meters of heavy debris after a gold mine collapsed in southwest Colombia. "I pray to God for survivors but it's impossible," said Eduardo Grijalba, mayor of the rural town of Santander de Quilichao where the tragedy took place Wednesday night.

The bodies of three people were pulled from the rubble

on Thursday but since then rescue workers have been unable to dig to where the men were trapped.

Mining accidents are common in Colombia, especially at wildcat mines like this one in areas dominated by criminal gangs.

Grijalba is pleading with President Juan Manuel Santos to help end illegal mining in the town after failed efforts by local authorities to shut down the mine that collapsed. □

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Trinidad prosecutor gunned down in capital

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Associated Press

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad

(AP) — Gunmen ambushed and killed a prominent prosecutor in the twin-island Caribbean nation of Trinidad & Tobago on Sunday, an attack that officials said appeared to be a professional hit.

Dana Seetahal died shortly after midnight Sunday when people in two cars opened fire after cutting off her vehicle on a street in Trinidad's capital of Port-of-

Spain. Police said she died behind the driver's seat of her SUV.

At least 15 shells were found at the scene in the residential Woodbrook neighborhood. She appeared to have gunshot wounds to her head and upper body. An autopsy was being conducted.

There have been no arrests, but National Security Minister Gary Griffith said "we will not rest until those who have committed this most unspeakable act are brought to justice."

A government statement said her slaying appeared to be a "well-orchestrated hit."

In the wake of the killing, officials said they would provide special security to a judge and several attorneys involved in the high-profile murder trial of wealthy businesswoman Vindra Naipul-Coolman. Seetahal was one of the prosecuting attorneys in the trial, which started March 24.

Seetahal was formerly an independent senator and an assistant solicitor gen-

eral. An anti-crime organization offered \$155,000 for any information leading to arrests and convictions.

Attorney General Anand Ramlogan said the country's legal profession "lost a titan."

She "was assisting me with important and sensitive work on a number of legislative measures to help with the fight against crime and improve the administration of justice," Ramlogan said. Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar said she was convening an emer-

gency meeting of the country's national security council.

She called the killing an "outrageous act of brutality."

Trinidad & Tobago, which is off Venezuela's coast, is one of the most prosperous Caribbean countries thanks to natural gas and oil, which make it a major fuel supplier. But the nation of 1.3 million people also has high rates of violent crime fueled by drug trafficking, especially in Port-of-Spain. □

Brazil activists honor gay pride, call for laws

ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON

Associated Press

SAO PAULO (AP) — Gay

rights advocates called for a Brazilian law against discrimination as they gathered by the hundreds of thousands in Sao Paulo on Sunday for one of the world's largest gay pride parades.

The city blocked its main central avenue to allow room for colorful floats and exuberant crowds of people dressed as drag queens with stilettos and wigs, the Statue of Liberty, flamenco and cabaret dancers.

"As long as there is this prejudice, we are going to be in the streets," said actor Valder Bastos, who is well known as drag queen Tchaka.

"We are fighting against different types of prejudice: racism, homophobia. We are here together to show there are plenty of us."

Sao Paulo Gov. Geraldo Alckmin announced that he would restore a historic

house in Avenida Paulista, where the parade strolls, and turn it into a gay museum.

people is overdue in Brazil. Criminalizing displays of discrimination against gays would reduce violence

fort to set up centers that would promote and defend LGBT rights, and she reminded people on Sun-

Activists at the parade said they also want to see Brazil pass a gender identity law like that in neighboring



Participants carry a rainbow flag as thousands march during the annual Gay Pride Parade in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Sunday, May 4, 2014. Gay rights advocates are calling for a Brazilian law against discrimination as they gather by the hundreds of thousands in Sao Paulo for one of the world's largest gay pride parades.

(AP Photo/Andre Penner)

The activists and parade organizers said a law that would ban discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender

against members of the LGBT community, advocates said.

Last year, President Dilma Rouseff launched an ef-

day about a hotline they can use to report hate crimes, according to a message published on her Twitter account.

Argentina, where people can legally change their gender without needing a surgery or a judge's approval. □

Ex USVI police captain accused of killing his wife

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. Virgin Islands (AP) — A former police captain in the U.S. Virgin Islands has been charged with second-degree murder in the killing of his wife.

Authorities said 51-year-old Enrique Saldana called 911 on Friday and said he was

at the beach with his wife when she collapsed and stopped breathing.

Police said late Friday that 43-year-old Jeanette Magras Saldana had bruises all over her body and that it appeared she had died hours before the emergency call was made.

An autopsy will determine the exact cause of death, authorities said.

Saldana is being held on \$500,000 bond. It was not immediately clear if he had an attorney.

Saldana previously was sentenced in February 2011 to more than three years

in prison after being convicted of participating in an extortion conspiracy. He and another high-ranking police officer had seized a rental car in December 2008 and confiscated items inside, including a kilogram of an unidentified controlled substance.

They also were accused of demanding \$10,000 from the person who rented the car in exchange for not turning in the substance. Authorities say the person paid half the amount and the officers returned all items except the substance. □

LOCAL Aruba TODAY

Royal Recognition for Ruth Harms of Big Brothers Big Sisters

ORANJESTAD - The birthday of the King of the Netherlands is the traditional occasion to honor those who merit to be honored. In Aruba, four of the eleven persons elected to the elite Dutch Royal Order of Oranje-Nassau could not be present to receive their certificate, medal and ribbon from the hands of Aruba's Governor Refunjol. Among these four was Esther Ruth Harms, daughter of Clyde Harms, the recently retired President of the Aruba Scholarship Foundation.

Aruban born Ruth Harms, Case Management Supervisor at the Big Brothers Big Sisters Organization of Hampshire County, Massachusetts was honored with Membership to the Dutch Royal Order of Oranje-Nassau. As is customary, the award ceremony took place last weekend on the day before the King's birthday, but as Ruth could not be in Aruba, she will be "decorated in a fitting manner" at a later date.

Ruth was honored for her outstanding and compassionate service at Big Brother Big Sister of Hampshire County, Massachusetts during a quarter of a century and for her two decades of dedicated participation in the volunteer UMASS International Students Hospitality Program that she now presides. The hospitality program connects foreign students at University of Massachusetts at Amherst with host families in the community. Big Brothers Big Sisters is the largest volunteer-supported youth mentoring organization of the United States. A couple of years ago a BB/BS was established in Curacao and Ruth has personally counseled the director, Mrs. Coralina Peret Gentil. In Aruba a program very similar to BB/BS is being started under the name of Mentoring Program.

Four years ago the Northwestern Children's Advocacy Project honored Ruth with the Ellen Sedlis Award which is presented annually to "someone whose work demonstrates a long-term commitment to helping children recover from abuse" and the State of Massachusetts presented her with a Citation that reads "In recognition of her outstanding dedication and many valuable contributions for years to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampshire County."

Ruth Harms is married to Dr. Stephen Hickman, an associate pediatrician at Amherst Pediatrics. The couple will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary in December. They have two adult children, Sarah Elizabeth and Rachel. Over a decade the Aruban Tourism Authority named ago Ruth and Stephen Ambassadors of Goodwill.

The attached photo shows Ruth Harms with her young friend Kyra during last year's Daffodil Walk, one of several yearly signature fund-raising events organized by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampshire County, Massachusetts. □





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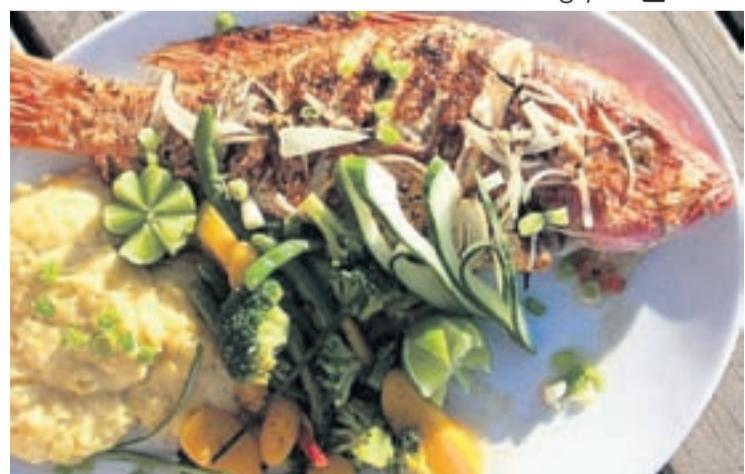
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- On tuesday 6th of May, Mayor from Apeldoorn, mister John Berends, will open the exhibition 'RONDOM ORANJE' for invited guests, in the exhibition

space of the Municipality, Marktplaats 1 in Apeldoorn. For the musical part invited guests are Freek Steenman – guitar and Antonia & De Wolf song/ keyboard. The exhibition can



be admired until the 23th of May 2014. Art Promotion International (API) disposes of a fine collection of artwork from nine recognized artists and/or promising talents. A compilation of this, imagining the uniting factor 'Orange', as symbol of union between people of different precedence and nature in the Dutch Kingdom, can be seen in the exhibition 'RONDOM ORANJE'. The

exhibition carries a special character with versatile work of Jabu Arnell St. Martin (mixed media), Bikkel (Curaçao) paint- and glassart, Fokke P. de Boer (Apeldoorn) photography, Florian Cats (Leeuwarden) Digital manipulated photography, Armando Goedgedrag (Aruba) painting, Ewoud Broekema (Groningen) photography, Jannes Koetsier (Groningen) paintings, Jan Kruize (Groningen) photography, and Gustave Nouel (Aruba) paintings. For this occasion Art Promotion International is cooperating with 'Stichting Koninklijk Apeldoorn', that has incorporated this exhibition in her activities related to the celebration of 200 years of the Dutch Kingdom. Since December 2011 RONDOR ORANJE was presented officially by mrs. Ank Bijleveld, as Commissary of the Queen in Overijssel and state ex-secretary of internal affairs and Kingdom relations. Ank Bijleveld is also president of the National Committee 200 years Kingdom. The essence of RONDOR ORANJE can be seen in di-

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SPORTS**Aruba TODAY**

Hamlin races to first Talladega Superspeedway win

JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer
TALLADEGA, Alabama (AP)

— Denny Hamlin, winner of four races at Daytona that didn't count, finally has a points-paying victory at a restrictor-plate track.

Hamlin, who opened the season with a pair of wins in Daytona exhibition races only to finish second in the Daytona 500, was again sitting second in the closing laps Sunday at Talladega Superspeedway. But he won a drag race with leader Kevin Harvick on a restart with two laps remaining, and was out front when NASCAR froze the field because of debris from an accident. Hamlin let out a deep sigh when the yellow flag waved.

"Superspeedway win," he said on his radio. "With points! With points!"

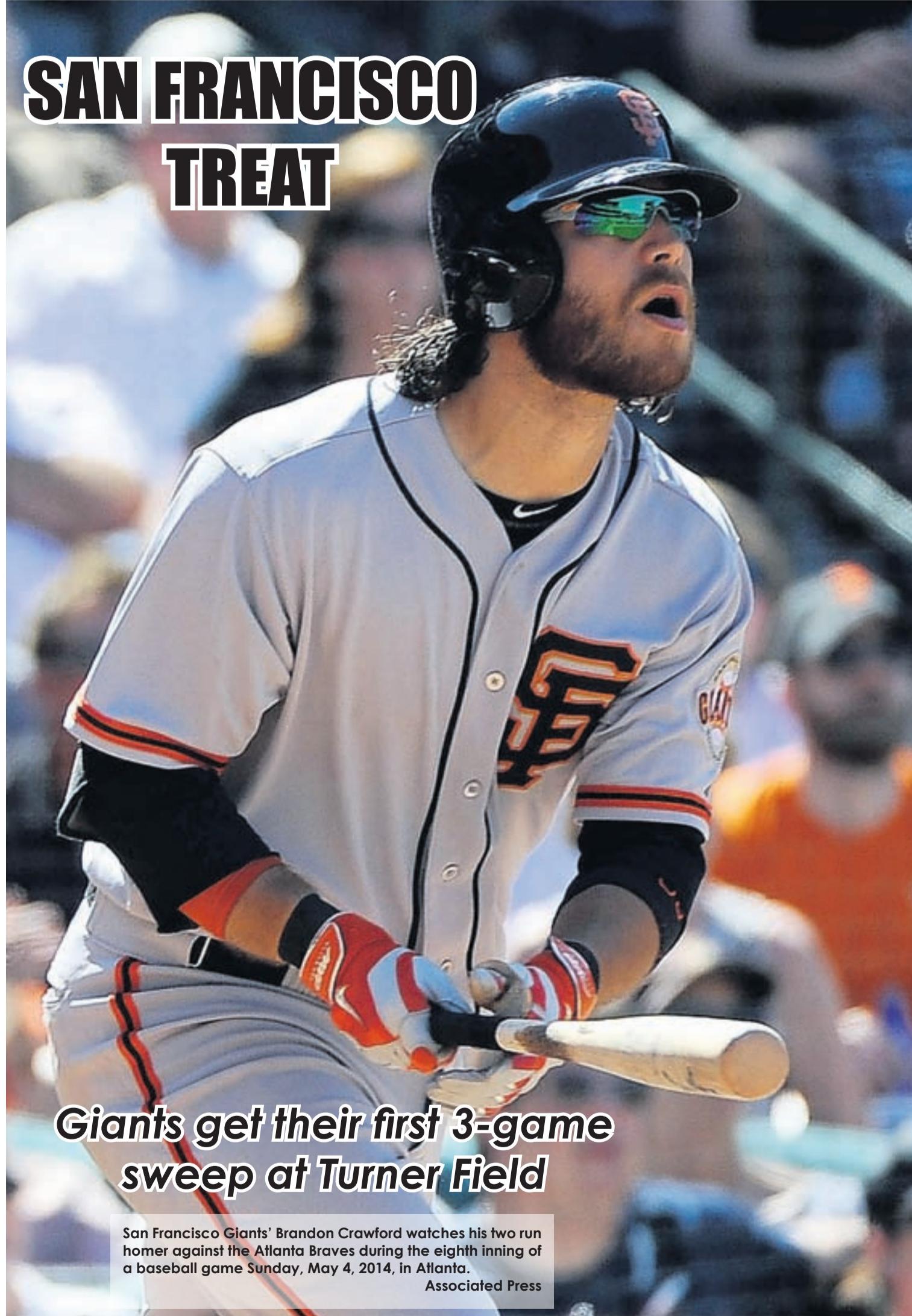
Hamlin became the eighth winner in 10 races this season as drivers jockey to grab the 16 spots available in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. A victory conceivably gives a driver an automatic berth, and Joe Gibbs Racing now has both Hamlin and Kyle Busch eligible for the Chase. "We really just want to win races, regardless of the implications of what this means for the Chase," Hamlin said. "I'm still a short-track guy. Those are my roots. But we've come a long way. We couldn't finish 22nd in a restrictor-plate track, now we know we have the cars and the skills to win."

The win came at the track where Hamlin made a brief return last year — he ran just 23 laps before turning his car over to Brian Vickers — after missing four races with a broken back.

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SAN FRANCISCO TREAT



Giants get their first 3-game sweep at Turner Field

San Francisco Giants' Brandon Crawford watches his two run homer against the Atlanta Braves during the eighth inning of a baseball game Sunday, May 4, 2014, in Atlanta.

Associated Press

Holmes completes comeback with win at Quail Hollow

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) — More than two years after going through brain surgery, J.B. Holmes is a winner again on the PGA Tour.

Holmes made it harder than he needed to on the final hole at Quail Hollow until rapping in a 3-foot bogey putt for a 1-under 71 and a one-shot victory over Jim Furyk in the Wells Fargo Championship. Furyk finished his Sunday-best 65 some two hours earlier.

Jason Bohn had the best chance to catch Holmes. He was one shot behind when he pulled a 4-iron into the water on the par-3 17th, making double bogey. Phil Mickelson never had a chance, missing four putts from the 4-foot range and closing with a 76 to finish out of the top 10.

The victory capped a remarkable turnaround for Holmes, who won for the third time in his career. He was diagnosed in 2011 with structural defects in the cerebellum known as Chiara malformations, and



J.B. Holmes watches his tee shot on the fourth hole during the final round of the Wells Fargo Championship golf tournament in Charlotte, N.C., Sunday, May 4, 2014.

Associated Press

he had surgery twice — once to remove a piece of his skull that he still keeps at home, another because of an allergic reaction to the adhesive on the titanium plate at the base of his skull.

Then, he injured his elbow by hitting too many balls in an attempt to return from the brain surgery. He didn't bother having surgery on his elbow until last year, when he was sidelined by a

broken ankle and couldn't play, anyway.

Only last week, Holmes earned enough money to keep his card for the rest of the year from a medical extension. Now, he's headed to The Players Championship next week for the richest prize in golf, and more importantly, secured a spot in the PGA Championship this summer in his native Kentucky.

"It's been a long journey for me," Holmes said. "I've had some ups and downs. It's a great feeling to be out there and to get one done."

His only other victories

were in the Phoenix Open in 2006 and 2008.

Holmes made enough key putts to allow for some mistakes at the end. He ran off three birdies in a four-hole stretch around the turn, including a 30-footer on No. 11 that opened up a two-shot lead. He gouged a fairway metal out of the rough on the par-5 15th to set up a 6-foot birdie putt that stretched his lead to three shots.

Perhaps the biggest putt of all was an 8-foot par save on the 17th hole. That kept his lead at two shots, and he needed it. Instead of playing an iron off the tee, he drove into the right rough, came up well short of the green and chipped weakly to 45 feet.

Furyk was watching on TV in the locker room when Holmes knocked in the bogey putt to finish at 14-under 274. Martin Flores, in his first time playing in the last group, fell too far back with a three-putt bogey on the 13th. He made bogey on the 18th for a 72 and was third, the best finish of his PGA Tour career. Bohn also bogeyed the 18th for a 70 to finish fourth.

Bohn received a bad time on the 16th hole — one more would have been a one-shot penalty — and said he let it get to him.

"I didn't feel comfortable with the wind starting to gust up a little bit, and I went ahead and hit it anyhow in a situation that I probably would have backed off in," Bohn said. □

Bernhard Langer wins Insperity Invitational

ADAM COLEMAN
Associated Press

THE WOODLANDS, Texas (AP) — Bernard Langer won the Champions Tour's Insperity Invitational for the third time, closing with a 1-under 71 on Sunday for a one-stroke victory over Fred Couples.

Langer finished at 11-under 205 at The Woodlands to become the 10th 20-time winner on the 50-and-over tour.

The 56-year-old German

player also won the 2007 event at Augusta Pines and successfully defended his title in 2008 at The Woodlands.

He opened this season with a victory in Hawaii.

Couples, the former University of Houston player who won the 2010 event, finished with a 67.

Colin Montgomerie was third at 9 under after a 70. Esteban Toledo, the winner last year, was 7 under after a 71. □

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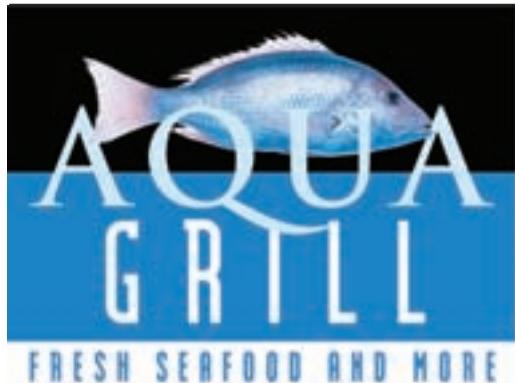


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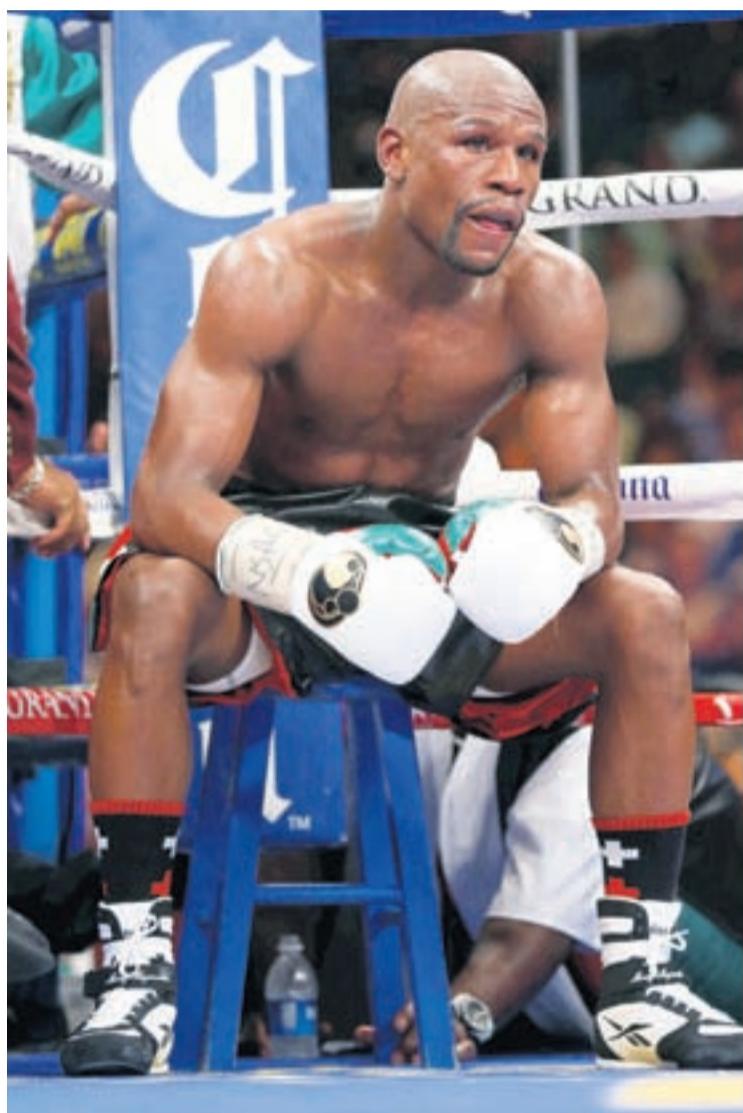
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Mayweather escapes to fight another night



Floyd Mayweather Jr. sits in his corner during his WBC-WBA welterweight title boxing fight against Marcos Maidana Saturday, May 3, 2014, in Las Vegas.

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LAS VEGAS (AP) — Floyd Mayweather Jr. was all smiles as he headed up an escalator with his large entourage, turning to flash a thumbs-up at fans greeting him.

Mayweather escaped to fight another night, and the fight may be against the man who came closest to handing him the first defeat of his 16-year pro career.

Marcos Maidana nearly did what 45 other fighters couldn't, taking the fight to Mayweather before losing a 12-round majority decision that angered both the Argentine and the fans at MGM Grand arena.

Mayweather was hit

more than any bout in his career, and needed to rally from the middle rounds on to keep his unbeaten record. Maidana called the richest fighter in the world an ordinary boxer and said he deserved a rematch in September.

"If the fans want to see us do it again, we'll do it again," Mayweather said.

Maidana threw twice as many punches, but Mayweather was more efficient in landing more than half his shots in a fight where the 37-year-old was tested to the limit. Mayweather won five of the last seven rounds on two scorecards and

six of the last seven on the third to pull out the win. Bleeding from a cut by his right eye from a head butt in the fourth round that he said blinded him for two rounds, Mayweather had to reach deep into his bag of tricks to salvage what had been expected to be a relatively easy \$32 million pay day against the 6-1 underdog.

Maidana landed more punches against Mayweather than any fighter ever had, showering him with overhand rights that often found their mark on the top of his head. Mayweather countered with straight right hands and left hooks, but was never able to hurt his challenger in the welter-

weight title fight. Mayweather said he decided to stand inside and fight Maidana to please the fans.

"I was in a tough competitive fight," Mayweather said. "I normally like to go out there and box and move. But he put pressure on me, so that's when I decided I'd make it competitive and fight differently. I wanted to give the fans what I know they wanted to see, so I stood there and fought him."

In the end, though, Mayweather got the win — just as he did in his previous 45 fights. The decision was met with disbelief by Maidana and booed heavily by the crowd. He retained

his welterweight title by winning 117-111 on one scorecard and 116-112 on another. A third judge had it even at 114-114. The Associated Press scored it for Mayweather 115-113.

Mayweather is in the middle of a six-fight deal with the Showtime network and is supposed to fight again in September. The one possible opponent other than Maidana would be Amir Khan of England, who looked good in his welterweight debut on the same card when he won a decision over Luis Collazo. But Kahn can't fight in September because his training would be interrupted by the Muslim holiday Ramadan. □

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Pierce's block leads Nets past Raptors 104-103

TORONTO (AP) — Paul Pierce blocked Kyle Lowry's shot from the lane on the final play of the game as the Brooklyn Nets held off the Toronto Raptors 104-103 in Game 7 on Sunday to advance to the second round of the playoffs.

The Nets will begin the conference semifinals at Miami on Tuesday night to play the two-time defending NBA champion Heat.

Leading by one point, Brooklyn used its final timeout after failing to inbound the ball. On the second opportunity, Shaun Livingston tried a lob pass to Pierce but Terrence Ross got a hand on the ball, then knocked it off Pierce and out of bounds for a turnover. Toronto used a timeout and gave the ball to Lowry, whose driving shot was blocked by Pierce as time expired. Lowry lay prone on the floor as the Nets surged onto the court in celebration.

Joe Johnson scored 13 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Nets. Marcus Thornton scored 17, Kevin Garnett had 12 points and 11 rebounds for



San Antonio Spurs' Manu Ginobili (20), of Argentina, is fouled by Dallas Mavericks' Wayne Ellington (21) as he tries to score during the second half of Game 7 of the opening-round NBA basketball playoff series, Sunday, May 4, 2014, in San Antonio. San Antonio won 119-96.

Associated Press

his first double-double of the series and Deron Williams scored 13 points. Amir Johnson fouled out with 20 points and 10 re-

bounds for Toronto, which trailed by 10 points with just over six minutes remaining before storming back and having a chance to win it

at the buzzer.

Lowry finished with 28 points and DeMar DeRozan 18 for the Raptors, who fell to 0-2 in franchise history when playing in a Game 7. Toronto lost Game 7 of the conference semifinals to Philadelphia in 2001.

The Raptors, who won the Atlantic Division and set a franchise record with 48 wins, have not won a play-off series since 2001, losing in all three appearances. Dallas played San Antonio in Game 7 of their series later Sunday.

At San Antonio, Tony Parker scored 32 points as the San Antonio Spurs led by as many as 31 on their way to rout of the Dallas Mavericks, closing out a tense first-round series in seven games.

San Antonio's Manu Ginobili scored 20 points, Danny Green added 16 points and Tim Duncan and Kawhi Leonard had 15 points each. □

Chris Froome wins time trial for Romandie victory



Winner of the 68th Tour de Romandie British Christopher Froome of team Sky Procycling, competes during the 5th and last stage, a 18,5 km race against the clock, at the 68th Tour de Romandie UCI ProTour cycling race, in the Stadium Maladiere in Neuchatel, Switzerland, Sunday, May 4, 2014.

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NEUCHATEL, Switzerland

(AP) — Chris Froome won the final time trial stage Sunday at the Tour of Romandie to take the overall victory in the Tour De France warm-up race. The British rider defended his Romandie title and aims to become the fourth straight winner at the six-day Swiss race to win cycling's signature event in July.

Froome started Sunday's 18.5-kilometer (11.5-mile)

stage trailing leader Simon Spilak by one second but finished in 24 minutes, 51 seconds to beat the Slovakian by 29 seconds.

Spilak finished second overall. Rui Costa of Portugal was third, trailing Froome by 1:32.

Froome beat time-trial world champion Tony Martin of Germany by one second Sunday. Third-placed Jesse Sergeant of New Zealand was eight seconds back. □

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Giants sweep, extend Braves' skid to 6

ATLANTA (AP) — Brandon Crawford homered twice as the San Francisco Giants beat Atlanta 4-1 Sunday to complete a three-game sweep that extended the Braves' losing streak to six — their longest since dropping eight straight in May 2012.

Madison Bumgarner (3-3) allowed one unearned run and three hits in six innings, striking out nine as the Giants won their fifth in a row. Santiago Casilla pitched the ninth for his first save.

Alex Wood (2-5) lost his fourth straight start, giving up two runs and seven hits in five innings.

San Francisco has homered in 11 straight games for the first time since Sept. 23, 2010, to April 3, 2011, according to STATS.

MARLINS 5, DODGERS 4

MIAMI (AP) — Jeff Baker hit a winning double off the wall against Jamey Wright (2-2) with two outs in the ninth. Right fielder Yasiel Puig retreated and made a leaping try for an acrobatic catch but slammed against the fence, and the ball deflected off it and hit him in the face. Puig collapsed to his stomach and was slow to rise; he passed a concussion test and Los Angeles said he is day to day. Giancarlo Stanton homered twice and drove in three runs for Miami, giving him the NL leads with 10 home runs and 36 RBIs. A.J. Ramos (2-0) tried to protect a one-run lead in the ninth for his first career save, but Chone Figgins walked and scored on Andre Ethier's double.

METS 5, ROCKIES 1

DENVER (AP) — Dillon Gee (3-1) allowed six hits in six innings, extending his scoreless streak to a career-best 16 innings as New



San Francisco Giants starting pitcher Madison Bumgarner delivers to the Atlanta Braves during the first inning of a baseball game on Sunday, May 4, 2014, in Atlanta.

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York avoided a four-game sweep. He is 13-6 with a 2.66 ERA since last May 30. After wasting a 6-0 lead in Saturday's 11-10 loss, the Mets jumped to a 4-0 lead after four innings.

David Wright, Chris Young, Daniel Murphy and Lucas Duda had RBI doubles — Wright has a .384 average, 10 homers and 40 RBIs in 138 at-bats at Coors Field. Jhoulys Chacin (0-1) was rather rusty his first start this season, lasting five innings and giving up four runs. Chacin spent the first month on the disabled list with a strained right shoulder.

PHILLIES 1, NATIONALS 0

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Roberto Hernandez (2-1) allowed four hits in 7 1-3 in-

nings.

Jimmy Rollins hit a one-out triple in the first and scored on Chase Utley's single off Gio Gonzalez (3-2), who gave up four hits and struck out seven in 7 1-3 innings. Mike Adams and Antonio Bastardo each got an out in the eighth, and Jonathan Papelbon finished for his ninth save.

REDS 4, BREWERS 3

CINCINNATI (AP) — Chris Heisey scored from first on Todd Frazier's 10th-inning double into the left-field corner off Tyler Thornburgh (3-1). Cincinnati took three of four against Milwaukee, which is still a big league-best 21-11.

Brandon Phillips greeted reliever Brandon Kintzler with a tying 425-foot homer to

center in the eighth, Phillips' first home run since April 5.

Sam LeCure (1-1) pitched the 10th for the win.

BLUE JAYS 7, PIRATES 2

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Colby Rasmus hit a grand slam and Melky Cabrera added a two-run homer. Toronto jumped ahead 6-1 after wasting a 5-3, ninth-inning edge in the series opener and a 5-0, fourth-inning advantage Saturday night.

Dustin McGowan (2-1) pitched three-hit ball for seven innings, allowing one run and striking out five as the Blue Jays won for just the fourth time in 13 games. Pirates manager Clint Hurdle and first base coach Rick Sofield were ejected by plate umpire Greg Gib-

son at the end of the fourth for arguing a called third strike on Jordy Mercer. Edinson Volquez (1-3) gave up six runs and seven hits in five innings.

PADRES 4, DIAMONDBACKS 3

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Cameron Maybin reached base after an overturned umpire's call, then scored on Yonder Alonso's slow grounder in the ninth off Oliver Perez (0-1) as San Diego stopped a four-game losing streak.

Maybin started the winning rally with a chopper to second and was initially called out before the call was overturned on a video review. Huston Street (1-0) pitched the ninth for the win. □

Serena Williams wins in Madrid, Djokovic withdraws

MADRID (AP) — Serena Williams brushed aside Belinda Bencic of Switzerland 6-2, 6-1 to open her defense of the Madrid Open title on Sunday, while Maria Sharapova beat Klara Koukalova 6-1, 6-2 in the first round.

In the men's tournament, Novak Djokovic withdrew before the start of the event because of a right wrist injury that had already affected his play at Monte Carlo last month.

"I did everything possible in order to play in Madrid," Djokovic said. "But unfortunately my right arm injury has flared up again."

The top-ranked Williams won nine of 10 games during one stretch to take control of her first match since taking a monthlong break following her early exit at Charleston.

Williams, who has won the clay-court tournament the past two years, broke Bencic five times and rounded out her lopsided win in less than an hour with her 11th ace.

Williams will play China's Peng Shuai in the second round after she dismissed



Serena Williams, returns to Li Na, of China, during the final at the Sony Open Tennis tournament, Saturday, March 29, 2014, in Key Biscayne, Fla.

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Kurumi Nara of Japan 6-2, 6-3.

Sharapova, who lost to Williams in last year's final, converted six of eight break points to take advantage of Koukalova's eight double-faults.

"Obviously the first match

at a new tournament is always challenging," Sharapova said. "It's always an adjustment, especially after playing indoors last week, but I think it was a good start for me today and I'm happy I was able to win in two good sets."

Sharapova, seeded eighth, will play Christina McHale of the United States next. Also, fifth-seeded Petra Kvitova needed a third-set tie-breaker to get past Sorana Cirstea 6-1, 7-5, 7-6 (4). Kvitova will play Varvara Lepchenko after she held off

Anabel Medina Garrigues 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Ana Ivanovic beat Madison Keys 6-1, 7-6 (4) to set up a meeting with fellow Serb Bojana Jovanovski. The 11th-seeded Ivanovic overcame her shaky serve by saving three of four break points.

Two seeded players were eliminated in the first round. Czech Lucie Safarova came back to beat 12th-seeded Flavia Pennetta of Italy 1-6, 6-0, 6-3, and seventh-seeded Angelique Kerber of Germany retired when trailing to Caroline Garcia 6-3, 2-0.

"I've been feeling my back for a few days now and felt it again in the first set, and it was getting worse as the match went on," Kerber said. "I'm disappointed I had to retire from the match. But I'd like to give all the credit to Caroline, who played an amazing match today."

Other winners included 16th-seeded Sloane Stephens, Italians Francesca Schiavone and Roberta Vinci, Zheng Jie, Maria Kirilenko and Petra Cetkovska. □

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Hamlin's return to the car briefly built some momentum for the No. 11 team, but as his back continued to ache, the season fell apart in late summer and it took until the season finale for Hamlin to score his first win of the year. He also missed the Chase for the first time in his career.

It didn't appear that Hamlin had enough to beat Harvick, already a two-time winner this season, until the final restart. Harvick didn't get the help he needed from behind, was hung out without any drafting partners, and Hamlin pulled out to a comfortable lead.

"We were in a good spot there at the end, and what you would want to put yourself in a position to win," Harvick said. "Our line just never formed up."

Kyle Larson, who was lined up behind Hamlin on the

restart and pushed him past Harvick, wasn't able to help Harvick when Harvick was stranded in a middle lane.

"He got a little bit far out in front of me, and then (Landon Cassill) pulled out of line down the backstretch and I got stuck in the middle and killed our run for the middle lane and the top lane," Larson said. "I hated that I couldn't help Kevin get a Chevy into Victory Lane."

As Hamlin pulled away, an accident deep in the pack scattered debris, and NASCAR was forced to throw the caution when a bumper was seen laying on the surface.

The yellow prevented Greg Biffle, who led five times for a race-high 58 laps, from pulling out of line in an attempt to grab the victory away from Hamlin.



Kurt Busch (41) Joey Logano (22) David Ragan (34) and Michael McDowell (95) collide in Turn 4 during the NASCAR Aaron's 499 Sprint Cup series auto race at Talladega Superspeedway, Sunday, May 4, 2014, in Talladega, Ala.

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"I looked in the mirror and I saw the smoke behind me, and I wasn't really sure whether the caution was going to come out and I didn't know what to do," Biffle said. "I thought about making my move on (Ham-

lin) right then because I had a huge run and I could have."

"But I just didn't want to pass too early. I was going to be the lone soldier on the outside lane, and I was going to be 15th by the

time we got back around to the start finish line. So I was just waiting. I was setting up to go by him but just never had the chance. I wish I would have known we weren't going to race all the way back." □

Police use new tool to source crowds for evidence

TAMI ABDOLLAH
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An annual spring party in a Southern California beach town devolved into a riot last month when revelers turned violent, rocking cars, smashing windows and throwing rocks. Dozens were injured and about 50 people ended up in the hospital, including several police officers.

Today, as authorities seek help with the investigation in Isla Vista, they're employing a new online and mobile app that designers say was created specifically for this type of situation.

"When the public really wants to catch these bad guys as badly as we do, this is the mechanism," said Los Angeles Sheriff's Cmdr. Scott Edson, who helped conceptualize the system in the aftermath of the Boston Marathon bombings. "They can help us by sending us pictures and video." The innovation, known as LEEDIR, the Large Emergency Event Digital Information Repository, pairs an app with cloud storage to help police use smartphones as tools to gather evidence. Proponents say the crowd-

sourcing system gives authorities a secure, central repository for the countless electronic tips that can come in during a crisis. And since it uses remote database servers that police access online, floods of data won't cause system crashes or be expensive to store. Most agencies, Edson said, "don't have lots of bandwidth lying around."

Privacy advocates criticize the app as overly broad, saying it subjects innocent people to police scrutiny and probably won't produce much good evidence.

"There's a reason that we pay professionals to work in police departments," said Nate Cardozo, a civil liberties attorney with the Electronic Frontier Foundation. "And there's a reason we don't crowdsource photo lineups and the like — crowds aren't good at it." Edson says he took note during the aftermath of the Boston attacks last year when authorities were inundated with videos and photos from people at the scene of the blasts. He figured a new tool could help streamline digital evidence-gathering. "It



This photo taken Thursday, April 24, 2014 in Los Angeles, shows a tablet computer displaying a web site for LEEDIR or the Large Emergency Event Digital Information Repository that aims to make use of a document-everything culture evident on Instagram, Facebook and other social media to benefit law enforcement nationwide.

Associated Press

seemed like the perfect opportunity to go to the private sector," he said.

Edson connected with Culver City, California-based tech startup CitizenGlobal Inc. and Amazon Web Services to design the system as a public-private partnership offered free to authorities and members of the public.

"With tens of millions of smartphones in use in the U.S., it's a virtual certainty that citizens will be taking videos and photos at any terrorist attack, large-scale emergency or natural disaster," CitizenGlobal co-CEO George D. Crowley Jr. said in a statement when the system was announced in November.

He said "real-time access to such content has, too often, been a matter of luck or chance" and this system will improve that process. The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office became the first agency to try out the technology after the Isla Vista violence, though results have been mixed. Spokeswoman Kelly Hoover said the system has been easy to navigate. But Hoover said they've received only a handful of submissions because it's so new.

CitizenGlobal officials predict use will grow. The company designs crowdsourcing platforms for police, cities and schools, using Amazon Web Services as its backend, and LEEDIR helps showcase their work. Already, officials say, police agencies around the nation have shown interest in embracing technology. Police departments in Philadelphia and Sacramento, California, encourage property owners to register security cameras for official use. Authorities in Houston and Los Angeles have sought access to traffic camera footage for investigations. And in suburban Atlanta, Marietta police use a tailored version of the crowdsourcing app to catch hit-and-run drivers and want to expand their system to include pothole reports, CitizenGlobal co-CEO Nick Namikas said.

er than filing complaints by going down to the police station," he said.

Developers acknowledge the possibility that content could be misleading or doctored, but authorities say they would investigate any tips they receive. Submitted photos and videos would be used to corroborate other information gathered during the investigation, authorities say.

Still there are "massive privacy implications" in placing video or photos online that could implicate innocent people in criminal activity, said Cardozo, the civil liberties attorney.

The Boston Marathon attacks demonstrated the downside of crowdsourcing, he said. In the aftermath of the attack, social media users zeroed in on the wrong person, Cardozo said, calling the situation a "modern-day witch hunt." In requesting submissions from the public authorities will raise the profile of such content, he said, "and for the people on these videos, they might not expect or want their image to be forever associated with a terrorist attack or a bank robbery or a riot in Isla Vista."

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Snapchat adds chat as messaging space heats up

By BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Snapchat is adding a chat feature to its ephemeral messaging service.

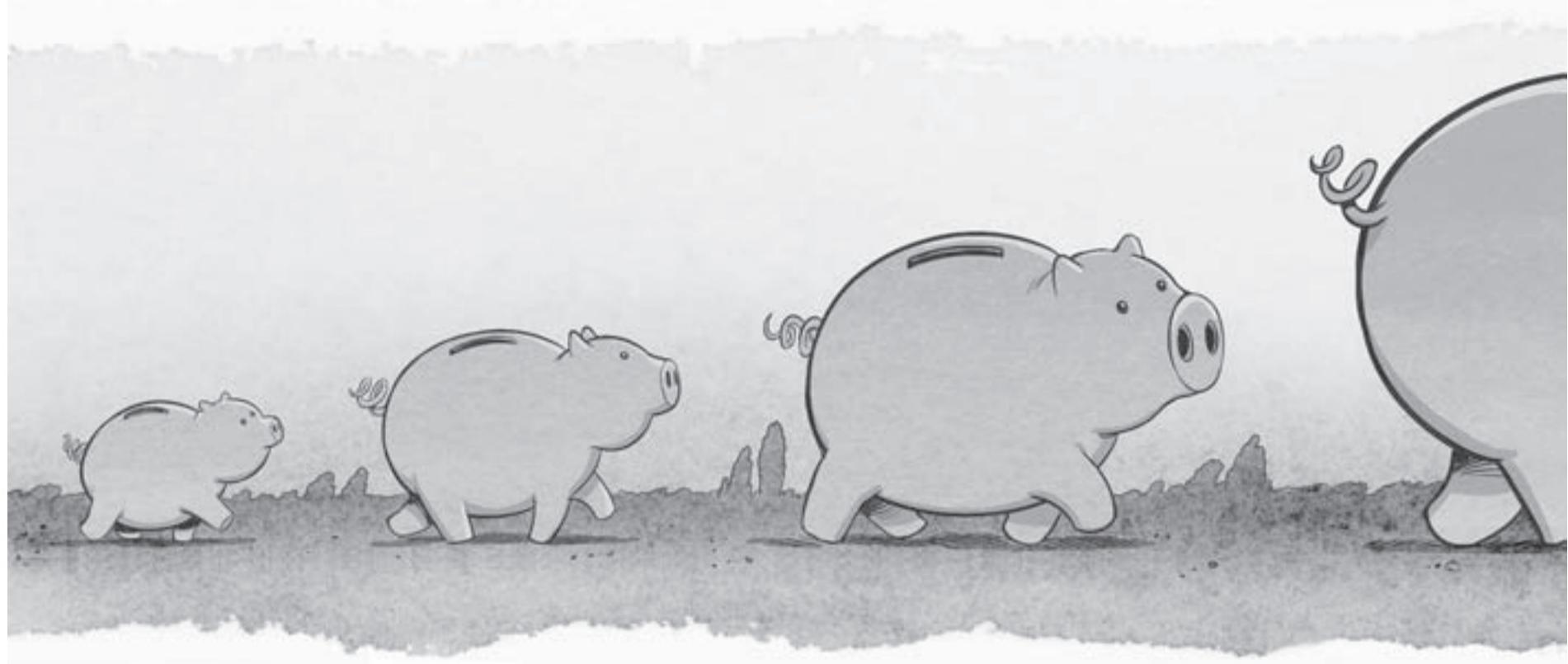
Despite its name, the Snapchat app has never offered real-time conversation — until now. Previously, users were only able to send each other photos and videos that self-destruct a few seconds after they are viewed.

The Los Angeles startup said Thursday that Snapchat users will be able to chat by swiping right on a friend's name. When users leave the chat screen, messages will be automatically deleted. In keeping with Snapchat's tradition,

users can take screenshots of the chat if they want to preserve it.

Users will also be able to video chat, as they would with Skype or FaceTime.

Snapchat's expansion comes at a time when mobile messaging apps are soaring in popularity as people look beyond traditional texting to communicate and share photos and videos. Some apps also accommodate more than just texts and photos, making them all the more appealing. Tango, for instance, allows music to be shared through Spotify's streaming service. KakaoTalk lets people share voice memos and location, along with animated emoticons. □



Many working people won't have enough money to leave their jobs and live in comfort and security. How many are in jeopardy is debatable, but the problem's existence is not.

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Sommer Column:

A Path to Retirement, for Those Far From It

JEFF SOMMER

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There is a big retirement problem in America, maybe even a crisis. Many working people won't have enough money to leave their jobs and live in comfort and security. How many are in jeopardy is debatable, but the problem's existence is not.

What's to be done about it? Strengthen Social Security, certainly. Make it easier and safer to invest in workplace retirement accounts like 401(k)s. Shore up traditional defined-benefit pension plans where they still exist. All of these remedies are important.

But even if action occurs on all of them, working Americans will still need to take steps of their own to secure a safe retirement. Plenty of people offer suggestions for how to do that, but they often expect a slice of your hard-earned money, sometimes for advice and services that aren't worthwhile.

That's why "If You Can," a concise, no-nonsense instruction manual on saving and investing for retirement, is so welcome. It's by William J. Bernstein, an investment adviser and author on financial subjects, who is making it available free as an e-book, no strings attached,

on his website. (It's also available on Amazon.com for 99 cents, although Bernstein is giving it away free there, too, on certain days, including May 4 and 5, as posted on his site.)

This pamphlet could be extremely helpful, especially for the group that Bernstein is specifically targeting: younger people who aren't yet in the workforce or have just started their careers.

In his advisory business, he is aiming at a different group: rich people with portfolios of at least \$25 million, who pay him for advice and other services. But he said the "If I Can" guide is "entirely eleemosynary" (or a charitable offering, if you don't feel like running to your dictionary). "I hope some of the people who use it will become rich, but I don't expect to be around when they are," said Bernstein, 65.

He says he is focusing on people in his grandchild's generation, as "there's still time for them to get this right."

"If I Can" is a snappy 7,000-word guide that doubles as a financial-education curriculum, complete with additional reading assignments and a lesson plan. He hopes to help people put away enough money and to invest it wisely

enough so that their futures will be secure.

Like John C. Bogle, the founder of Vanguard, whom he admires, Bernstein views Wall Street as a largely parasitic enterprise that flourishes at the expense of ordinary investors. "You are engaged in a life-and-death struggle with the financial services industry," he warns in the pamphlet. "Every dollar in fees and expenses you pay them comes directly out of your pocket."

He recommends using basic, low-cost index funds whenever possible.

His plan is simple, but not easy. "It makes some serious demands," he said in a phone conversation. Indeed it does, starting with the injunction to save at least 15 percent of income beginning no later than the age of 25, and continuing every year until retirement. Saving 15 percent for a purpose that is decades away requires commitment, especially when it's not all you'll need to save: For example, it doesn't include money for a rainy-day fund, a home's down payment, a car, a child's education, a vacation, a wedding, a bar mitzvah, a sweet 16 or anything else.

All of that comes on top of the retirement savings. Yet in Bernstein's view, that 15

percent is a bare minimum. "You've got to accumulate enough money on your own to replace your income one day," he says. "You're much better off if you start doing that early." Older people who didn't save enough when they were young need to save more than 15 percent now, if they can. Often, they can't, which is why so many people in the workforce face serious problems and why Bernstein is appealing to younger people who can still help themselves.

Note, for a moment, what Bernstein isn't even attempting to do. He isn't advising baby boomers - as a generation, anyway - because he isn't optimistic about boomers' overall prospects.

"About one-half of boomers are already in trouble," he says. "They haven't put enough money away and it's going to be hard for them to do it now."

His back-of-the-envelope estimate of the current working population's lack of preparedness isn't out of line with the assessments of researchers who've spent considerable time on the subject.

The Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, for example, puts the percentage of all house-

holds at risk "of being unable to maintain their pre-retirement standard of living" at 50 percent. The non-partisan Employee Benefit Research Institute puts the proportion of baby boomers at risk of running out of money in retirement at 40 to 50 percent.

It's never too late to improve your individual situation - and public policy solutions may become more realistic if enough people get involved. But whatever policy shifts are possible in America, it's still extremely likely that most people will need to rely primarily on themselves to finance a comfortable retirement. Hard as that may be, it's easier if you start early.

Bernstein, who lives in Portland, Oregon, switched to finance and writing after a career as a neurologist. He acknowledges that he's well off himself; he says he wants to help others who aren't.

Saving can be very tough, he says, especially when you're just starting out, so he provides suggestions on how to manage a limited income. They include standard measures like cutting back on lattes, expensive cable TV and cellphone packages, and purchases of high-end sneakers, restaurant meals and the like. □

Sotheby's poison pill is upheld by Delaware court

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A Delaware state court judge has blocked efforts by hedge fund mogul Daniel Loeb to overturn a crucial corporate defense at famed auction house Sotheby's.

In a ruling issued this weekend, Donald Parsons, a vice chancellor of Delaware's Court of Chancery, decided that he would not overturn a so-called poison

pill plan that limits Loeb to no more than 10 percent of Sotheby's shares, while letting passive investors hold as much as 20 percent. The company's annual shareholder meeting is May 6, where shareholders will cast their vote in what may be a watershed moment in the company's 270-year history. And it may pave the way for companies to enact tougher defenses against outspoken activist investors pushing

for change. Loeb and his firm, Third Point, have nominated three director candidates, including himself, pitted against the current board at Sotheby's. Sotheby's poison pill, formally known as a shareholder rights plan, had set off debate within the corporate governance community. While companies have used such defenses for decades, the auction house's version specifically discriminated against

activist investors, a move that Third Point had contended was unfair. But in his ruling, Parsons wrote that Loeb's primary argument - that the poison pill unfairly impedes his ability to wage his campaign - was flawed. Sotheby's had presented evidence that the rationale behind its defense could be seen as both rational and proportional to the threat of an activist investor.

And even with his current

10 percent stake, Loeb has been able to fight the company to a draw. Parsons noted that the hedge fund manager had roughly 10 times the number of shares that Sotheby's board currently owns, and that his own expert witness testified that even now, Third Point has a roughly 50-50 chance of winning the proxy contest.

Representatives for Loeb and Sotheby's declined to comment. □

AstraZeneca rejects sweetened Pfizer takeover bid

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LONDON (AP) — Pharmaceutical giant Pfizer said this weekend that it hasn't given up on a deal after British drugmaker AstraZeneca flatly rejected its latest takeover bid, worth \$106 billion.

Pfizer Inc., the world's second-biggest drugmaker by revenue, made a third unsuccessful attempt for its London-based rival Friday with an offer of 50 pounds (\$84) per share in cash and stock — a 7.3 increase from its last bid. AstraZeneca Plc, the No. 8 drugmaker, called that inadequate and said the potentially lucrative "pipeline" of new drugs it is developing would be disrupted by a takeover.

Pfizer said in a statement to The Associated Press that it is disappointed and that a "friendly, negotiated transaction" would be best for

shareholders of both companies. Pfizer said it is considering its options.

Proposed deals to swap assets or acquire other companies are roiling the pharmaceutical industry. Many companies are narrowing their product and research focus to their areas of expertise to save money. They are cutting costs as cheaper generic competition slashes sales of off-patent medicines that had been top earners. Pfizer's revenue has dropped sharply amid generic competition to multiple drugs, particularly its cholesterol blockbuster, Lipitor, which once brought in \$13 billion a year. Pfizer's bid for AstraZeneca would give it access to promising assets, particularly in immuno-oncology, new types of cancer drugs that work by boosting the immune system. Analysts say the deal also gives Pfizer tax advantages. They estimate

Pfizer has earned and held \$30 billion to \$70 billion in cash overseas, on which it would have to pay taxes at relatively high U.S. rates

should it be brought back. "Once the cash is offshore, the potential tax cost of repatriating it to the U.S. makes it much more attrac-

tive to find other homes for it — such as making foreign acquisitions," said tax specialist Heather Self of the law firm Pinsent Masons. □



An exterior view of the Two Kingdom Street building which houses the headquarters of AstraZeneca, in the Paddington area of London, Friday, May 2, 2014. The board of pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca this weekend rejected drug maker Pfizer's sweetened takeover offer. Pfizer earlier in the day said it is offering 50 pounds (\$84) a share in cash and stock, a 7.3 increase on a previous bid. The offer values AstraZeneca at \$106 billion.

(AP Photo/Matt Dunham)

Buffett's firm reports 4 percent dip in 1Q profit

JOSH FUNK

AP Business Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Warren Buffett's company said this weekend its first-quarter profit slipped nearly 4 percent largely because of an accounting charge in its insurance units.

Berkshire Hathaway Inc. earned \$4.71 billion, or \$2,862 per Class A share, during the first three months of 2014. That's down from \$4.89 billion, or \$2,977 per Class A share, a year earlier.

Berkshire's revenue in-

creased nearly 4 percent to \$45.45 billion from \$43.87 billion in the same period last year. Berkshire said its insurance underwriting profits fell to \$461 million from \$901 million a year earlier largely because of a deferred charge related to some retroactive insurance policies.

Losses related to foreign currency exchanges also weighed down insurance results. Berkshire said its underwriting results included a loss of \$37 million in this year's quarter because

of exchange rates, compared to last year's gain of \$189 million on exchange rates. Berkshire's sizeable insurance unit includes Geico, General Reinsurance and several other companies. Most of the various parts of Berkshire delivered solid results in the quarter. The utility and energy division, which is led by Berkshire Hathaway Energy, generated \$452 million net income, up from \$394 million in last year's first quarter. And those figures don't include the \$2.9

billion acquisition of Canadian power transmission provider AltaLink that was announced this week. Berkshire's various manufacturing, service and retail companies generated \$933 million in net income, up from \$862 million last year as the economy continued improving.

BNSF railroad contributed \$724 million to Berkshire, but that was down from \$798 million a year ago because severe winter weather slowed deliveries and forced the railroad to

use shorter trains. But Berkshire predicted BNSF's 2014 profits will still exceed last year. The value of Berkshire Hathaway's investments and its derivative contracts often produce wide swings in the company's earnings from quarter to quarter, but that wasn't the case in the first quarter.

Berkshire said its investments and derivative contracts were worth \$1.17 billion at the end of March. That was up only slightly from last year's \$1.11 billion estimate. □

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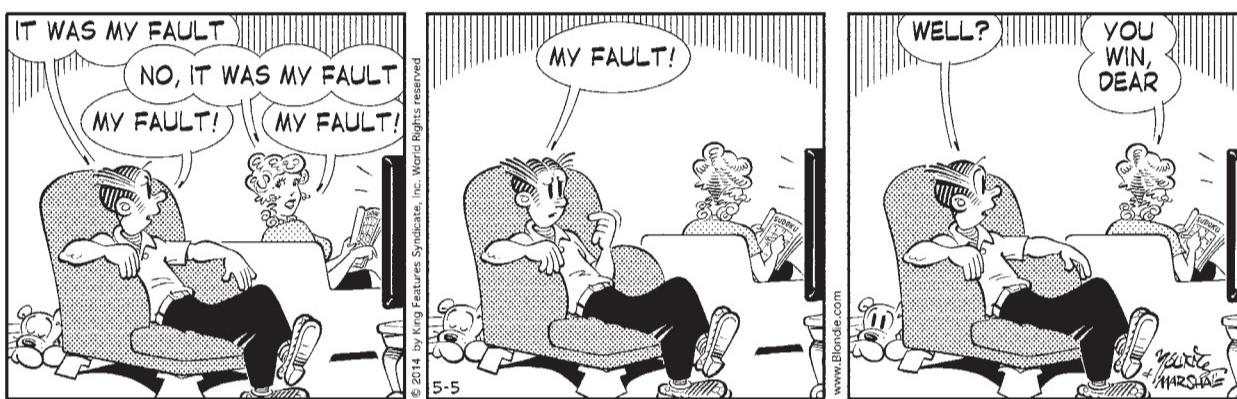
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A partially filled 9x9 Sudoku grid. The visible numbers are:

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer									
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5	3	7	1	4	8	6	9	2	
1	7	3	4	8	6	2	5	9	
8	9	6	2	5	7	3	4	1	
4	5	2	3	9	1	8	7	6	

Saturday's puzzle answer

A crossword puzzle grid consisting of a 10x10 grid of squares. Some squares are blacked out, while others are white and contain a number from 1 to 69, representing the word length or a specific clue identifier. The blacked-out squares form several irregular shapes, including a large L-shape in the top right, a vertical column in the center, and various smaller clusters. The numbered squares are distributed throughout the grid, with some appearing in pairs or groups.

Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

A crossword puzzle grid with blacked-out sections and some letters filled in. The filled-in letters form the following words:

- PAIR
- AWRY
- CARE
- EYE
- LOONY
- SPEWED
- ELVES
- READ
- BAN
- STOOGE
- PAS
- IBSEN
- LOANS
- LIFE
- SLED
- SCAMP
- ERROR
- COMMODIOUS
- TONY
- GEL
- DIADEM
- WORLD
- PINED
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A show about nothing begets a game you can play online

FINN COHEN

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What if new episodes of "Seinfeld" were still on television?

This haunts Jason Richards, 31, the hyperactive mind behind @Seinfeld2000, a Twitter account with more than 35,000 followers born last year as dissenting opinion to @SeinfeldToday, a separate account that imagines tame "Seinfeld" plots in which the characters use Facebook, Kramer refuses to use Instagram filters, and George sells Groupon vouchers.

Richards employs a more surreal approach. With intentional misspellings of character names and poor grammar, he recasts phrases and plots from "Seinfeld" with news and trends in social media, celebrity drama and technology. "Jerry," for Jerry, may be confused about which member of Pussy Riot he is dating, for example, or he may fix up "Elane" on a blind date with Mayor Rob Ford of Toronto.

Until now, Richards, a Toronto native, has operated anonymously and in multiple forms of media. He says his publisher received a cease-and-desist order from Warner Bros. for selling "The Apple Store," an e-book he wrote as @Seinfeld2000 that places the sitcom characters 15 years after the show's ending. (A free version is available at Gawker.com.) And "Seinquest2000" is a short video manifesto read in the same fractured grammar of the Twitter account.

Now he is entering the world of online games, having collaborated with Pippin Barr, a video game creator from New Zealand with a master's degree in "user-interface metaphors," to produce The Junior Mint. Based on the "Seinfeld" episode in which Kramer fumbles a Junior Mint candy into the open cavity of a surgical patient, the game is simple in concept but fairly difficult to "win." But, ultimately, winning isn't the point.

"I'm more interested in conveying an idea or a joke or a philosophical po-

sition than in making something with what gets called 'replay value,'" Barr said in an email.

Barr, who lives in Malta, worked with the Marina Abramovic Institute to create "Durations," a series of games, from one second to 1,000 years ("One Hour to Write a Novella," "One Week Stake-Out"). Barr said he found the voice of the Twitter account to be a natural fit for a game.

"The idea that there was this second/third order parody going on seemed really pleasing and fun," Barr wrote. "Particularly the use of language, almost as though through the many layers of parody the voice itself has become sort of 'degraded,' as with multiple photocopies or faxes, say."

For Matt Parker, a Brooklyn game designer and professor at the New York University Game Center, The Junior Mint has more of Barr's voice than it does Richards'.

"It's stronger in terms of the commentary on web games than it is in terms of

the commentary on 'Seinfeld' or bringing in the Seinfeld2000 flavor," Parker said after exploring the game recently. "The joke should go on longer."

To Richards, the game is an expansion of the deranged, occasionally disturbing presence of his Twitter creation, which itself has a freelance journalism career. The character of @Seinfeld2000 has interviewed Ezra Koenig, the lead singer of the band Vampire Weekend (who provided an a cappella rendition of the "Seinfeld" theme for The Junior Mint); has written a review of Lou Reed's review of Kanye West's most recent album; and has riffed on an article in The New York Times about the drug MDMA, in which he imagines taking it and writing an episode of "Seinfeld."

"Inherently, it's also criticism of SeinfeldToday, because their ideas were so timely and topical that I was sort of trying to do a heightened version," Richards said. "It wasn't about being clever or trying to re-

spond to current events. It was about flooding Twitter with a warped version."

Jack Moore, one of the authors of the @SeinfeldToday account, keeps up with @Seinfeld2000 from time to time. "It's cool to have made something that inspires its own parody," he said. "It's hard to take Twitter too seriously."

Richards, a producer at a Canadian television station, appears to have absorbed "Seinfeld" into his demeanor. He uses the show's bass-slapping theme for his cellphone ringtone and arrived for an interview bearing a box of Jujufruits, a nod to the candy's role in "The Junior Mint" episode. (Through a spokesman, Jerry Seinfeld declined to comment for this article.)

Sitting in a booth at Tom's Restaurant, the Manhattan diner whose exterior appeared regularly on "Seinfeld," Richards tried to re-enact a lunch order from one episode. □

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Court orders EPA to adopt new air pollution rule

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A federal court has given the Obama administration a deadline for updating federal standards for smog that are more than a year overdue. U.S. District Court Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers in San Francisco on Tuesday ordered the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue ground-level ozone standards by Dec. 1 and a final rule by Oct. 1, 2015.

"EPA will meet the deadlines outlined by the court," Liz Purchia, an agency spokeswoman, said in an emailed statement. "However, the deadlines present a challenge for the agency because there is a significant amount of scientific analysis and review required."

Ozone is the main ingredient in smog, a powerful lung irritant.

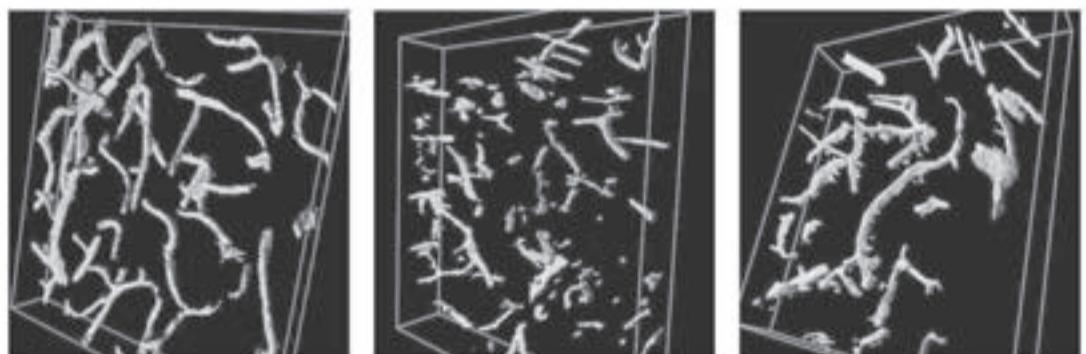
At ground-level, ozone is created when emissions from cars and industrial facilities mix with sunlight to create smog.

The court ruling came after environmental groups sued the Obama

administration for failing to issue a new standard by March 2013, as required by the federal Clean Air Act.

The last ozone standards were adopted by former President George W. Bush in 2008. Environmental groups had sued the agency then to strengthen the rules, and the Obama administration had vowed to do so. In 2010, then-EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson proposed tightening the standards, as agency scientific advisers recommended, only to have them tabled by the White House. Businesses and congressional Republicans said the rules would hurt the economy. Paul Cort, an attorney for the environmental groups who sued, applauded the ruling, saying new standards will improve public health. "The court's decision today will finally put an end to EPA's foot-dragging on these important health standards," Cort, an attorney for Earthjustice, said in a statement. □

Studies find 'young' blood rejuvenates aging mice



This combination of images provided by Lida Katsimpardi in May 2014 shows 3-D reconstructions of brain blood vessels in, from left, a young mouse, an old mouse, and an old mouse who was exposed to the blood of a young mouse.

Associated Press

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AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) —

Older mice got stronger, exercised longer and performed better mentally after they were injected with blood from young mice, or even just with a substance that's more abundant in younger blood, U.S. researchers found. Someday, if more research goes well, this may lead to a way to treat some infirmities of old age in people. In the meantime, scientists have a warning for do-it-yourselfers.

"Don't try this at home," said Saul Villeda of the University of California, San Francisco, an author of one of three papers published online Sunday by the journals Nature Medicine and Science.

He worked with mice that were roughly the

equivalent of people in their 20s and 60s. Researchers repeatedly injected the older mice with blood from either the younger animals or other aged mice.

Those that got the young blood did better in learning and memory tests than the mice given the older blood. For example, they performed better at recalling where to find a submerged platform in a maze. Villeda said the researchers are trying to figure out what's in the young blood that made the difference. The two other papers, from Harvard University, focused on a substance that is more abundant in the blood of younger mice than old. That protein, called GDF11, is also found in human blood and its concentration also appears to decline with age, said Amy

Wagers, an author on both papers.

On average, aging mice that got injections of it showed greater grip strength and more endurance on a treadmill than untreated mice.

The Harvard scientists also found that exposing older mice to the blood of younger mice produced more blood vessels and blood flow in the brain. Injections of GDF11 had a similar effect. Lee Rubin, a study author, said those results suggest further work may lead to a way to treat age-related mental decline and perhaps dementia in people.

Wagers and Villeda said it remains unclear whether GDF11 explains the results of Villeda's study. Wagers said she suspects other substances in blood can also help aging animals. □

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'Spider-Man 2' ropes in \$92 million opening

JAKE COYLE

AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Spider-Man can still sling it at the box office.

"The Amazing Spider-Man 2" debuted with \$92 million in North American theaters over the weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday. It was a solid opening for Sony's Columbia Pictures, which has released five movies about Marvel's web-slinging superhero in the last 14 years. The release of "The Amazing Spider-Man 2" essentially kicks off Hollywood's summer season and its annual parade of sequels and spectacle. Marvel movies have regularly commenced summer movie-going in recent years, and the "Spider-Man 2" opening begins the season with a business-as-usual blockbuster performance.

Last week's No. 1 film, the female revenge comedy "The Other Woman," starring Cameron Diaz, slid to a distant second with \$14 million in its second weekend.

The rebooted "Spider-Man" franchise starring Andrew Garfield and Emma Stone isn't performing quite as strongly as Sam Raimi's trilogy with Tobey Maguire. On opening weekends, the Raimi films grossed, in order: \$114.1 million, \$88.2 million and \$151.1 million.

The "The Amazing Spider-Man," also directed by Marc Webb, opened on a Tuesday in 2012, making \$62 million on its debut weekend and \$137 million over its first six days.

The new sequel, which began rolling out overseas two weeks ago, is also doing huge international business. It has already grossed \$161 million abroad, and it added another \$116 million over the weekend.

That included \$10.4 million from China, where it opened Sunday on a record 11,002 screens. And it set a record for Hollywood titles in India with a \$6.5 million debut.

"Everywhere we opened just popped," said Rory Bruer, head of domestic distribution for Sony.



This image released by Sony Pictures shows Andrew Garfield and Dane DeHaan in "The Amazing Spider-Man 2."

Associated Press

Domestically, families made up 33 percent of the audience of the PG-13 "The Amazing Spider-Man 2," a high percentage for a superhero film.

"It did seem to have a very strong component to the film, which we felt was an opportunity," Bruer said. "It also lends itself to a picture that will be around the market for a while, too." But as Hollywood's summer rolls on, the competition gets stiffer. In two weeks, Warner Bros. opens the highly anticipated monster movie "Godzilla."

Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak, said that shouldn't pose problems for the Marvel juggernaut.

"In the summer, two weeks is a lot of time between blockbusters," Dergarabedian said. "You don't see this kind of consistency in a particular genre that often."

"Spider-Man" follows Marvel's "Captain America: The Winter Soldier," released by Disney, by just a month. (The "Captain America" sequel is still in the top 5, with \$7.8 million in its fifth week.)

The marketplace made way for "Spider-Man" over the weekend with no other new wide releases. Sony's "Heaven Is for Real" con-

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Fox Network says Naya Rivera to remain on 'Glee'



This Dec. 11, 2013, file photo shows Naya Rivera arriving at the 22nd Annual Women in Entertainment Breakfast at the Beverly Hills Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif. Rivera is still a Gleek.

MIKE CIDONI LENNOX
AP Entertainment Reporter

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Naya Rivera is still a Gleek. "There is no truth to the rumor Naya has been fired from the show," the Fox Network noted in a statement released to The Associated Press Saturday night, which concluded, "She remains under contract to 'Glee.'"

Rivera plays Santana Lopez, a lesbian glee club member, on the popular musical drama.

Before "Glee" actress Lea Michele arrived Saturday morning at the premiere of her latest film, the animated "Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return," a publicist for Michele said her client would not comment on co-star Rivera, the subject of numerous rumors and reports over the last week.

But Michele did reveal "Glee" had a fifth-season wrap gathering Friday night. It's been a difficult year for the series' cast and crew, in the wake of the July 2013 overdose death of actor Cory Monteith, who had been romantically linked to Michele.

"I have to say I owe

so much to the cast of 'Glee,'" Michele said. "Loss is a horrendous thing, and if it wasn't for their constant support, and, every day going to work and knowing that I had this safety net underneath me, has got-

ten me to where I am right now. So, I'm beyond grateful for 'Glee.'" The show's fifth-season finale is set to air stateside May 13. Show co-creator Ryan Murphy has said the series' sixth season will be its last. □

'Orange Is the New Black' wins GLAAD Media Award



This image released by Netflix shows Laverne Cox in a scene from "Orange is the New Black."

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NEW YORK (AP) — GLAAD celebrates "Orange Is the New Black."

The Netflix show set in a women's prison was named outstanding comedy series at the 25th annual GLAAD Media Awards' New York ceremony.

Cast members — including Laverne Cox, who won her own GLAAD honor at the organization's Los An-

geles awards ceremony last month — accepted the award Saturday at the Waldorf Astoria hotel.

George Takei received the Vito Russo award, presented to an openly gay media professional for promoting equality for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community.

Other winners Saturday included the films "Con-

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"This insightful book reminds us that failure isn't the opposite of success, it's a stepping-stone to success." — ARIANNA HUFFINGTON

**MISTAKES
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25 Influential Women Reflect on What They Got Out of Getting It Wrong

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This book cover image released by Plume shows "Mistakes I Made at Work: 25 Influential Women Reflect on What They Got Out of Getting It Wrong," edited by Jessica Bacal.

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'Mistakes I Made at Work' makes its own missteps

JESSICA GRESKO
Associated Press

Jessica Bacal came up with a great book idea: Ask 25 influential women about the mistakes they've made at work and what they've learned from them. Write down and edit their answers. Publish a book. Let others learn.

It sounds simple. It's too bad Bacal makes her own missteps.

First, if Bacal's title had you hoping to hear from women on Forbes' annual 100 Most Powerful Women list, you'll be disappointed. Bacal's biggest interviews include Cheryl Strayed, Laurel Touby, Anna Holmes and Kim Gordon. Respectively, they're the author of the book "Wild," the founders of Mediabistro and Jezebel, and a founding member of the band Sonic Youth.

You'd think Bacal has the

clout to ask anyone for an interview.

She's the director of the Wurtele Center for Work and Life at Smith College, one of the largest women's colleges in the United States.

Given her position, it's bizarre that Bacal seems starstruck at the start of each chapter, gushing about her next interviewee. She butters up Ruth Reichl by saying some of the food writer's recipes have become "some of my absolute favorites." McKinsey & Co. director emeritus Joanna Barsh "has boundless wisdom" and "a great sense of humor." Women's leadership consultant Selena Rezvani has "a remarkably lovely way about her" and a calming voice. These platitudes become tiresome and detract from these women's real accomplishments. □

It's Only a Million



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It's sad what a million dollars has fallen to.

I have been thinking about this recently, ever since The Times had an article about Jeb Bush's scramble to make up for the fact that he left the governorship of Florida with a net worth of only \$1.3 million.

I have to admit, I was surprised Jeb Bush did not have more money than that. He must have felt terrible at family gatherings. When they started planning for Christmas, do you think the other Bushes assured Jeb that they'd be happy with a pot holder or a knitted scarf, just as long as it was handmade? The article, reported by Michael Barbaro, had a happy ending. Bush is now making more than \$1 million a year just for giving advice to Barclays bank. Which is hardly his only job. He has a ton of gigs like that. People are lining up to pay vast sums for the man's opinion.

A million dollars used to be a magic number, a sign of permanent affluence. You'd made it! But now it won't buy you lunch with Warren Buffett (the winning bidder in a charity auction paid \$1,000,100) or even, it appears, a public defender. The lawyers for the allegedly indigent former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his father billed the government more than \$1 million during their public corruption trial. Senior citizen thug Whitey Bulger's defense cost taxpayers more than \$3 million.

Most Americans' reverence for the million-dollar figure is based on the fact that they do not have a million dollars themselves and are not seeing any signs that Barclays will want to give it to them for a year's worth of consultation. But there are also a lot of old cultural memories.

Back in the 1950s, people were watching Marilyn Monroe in "How to Marry a Millionaire" and on television, "The Millionaire." That was the series about a super-rich guy named John Beresford Tipton, who liked to send \$1 million to total strangers. Secret gifts that changed their lives, although often not for the better. John Beresford Tipton was a little like the Koch brothers, except his checks were smaller and the recipi-

ents were not required to plot against solar energy.

"How to Marry a Millionaire" was the story of three women who were looking for rich consorts who would support them in the style to which they wished to become accustomed. Since it was the '50s, the plot held they were looking for "husbands" - and nobody ever suggested that a million dollars would not be enough to keep a kept girl fed and sheltered.

But now we have learned from the ongoing Los Angeles Clippers crisis that owner Donald Sterling spent \$1.8 million just to buy his lady friend a duplex. This information is contained in a lawsuit brought against the woman in question, V. Stiviano, by Sterling's estranged wife. Stiviano's lawyer has not denied the part about the gifts, although he says there is not a "peppercorn of a fact" that any fraud was involved.

While the world can't wait for Sterling to vanish from our collective consciousness forever, I wouldn't mind keeping a "peppercorn of a fact."

But to get back to politics: A million dollars will get you Jeb Bush's advice. Also, it will buy a visit from Hillary Clinton. Four, in fact - she gets around \$250,000 per appearance. When someone in the audience threw a shoe at her recently, she was speaking at the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries.

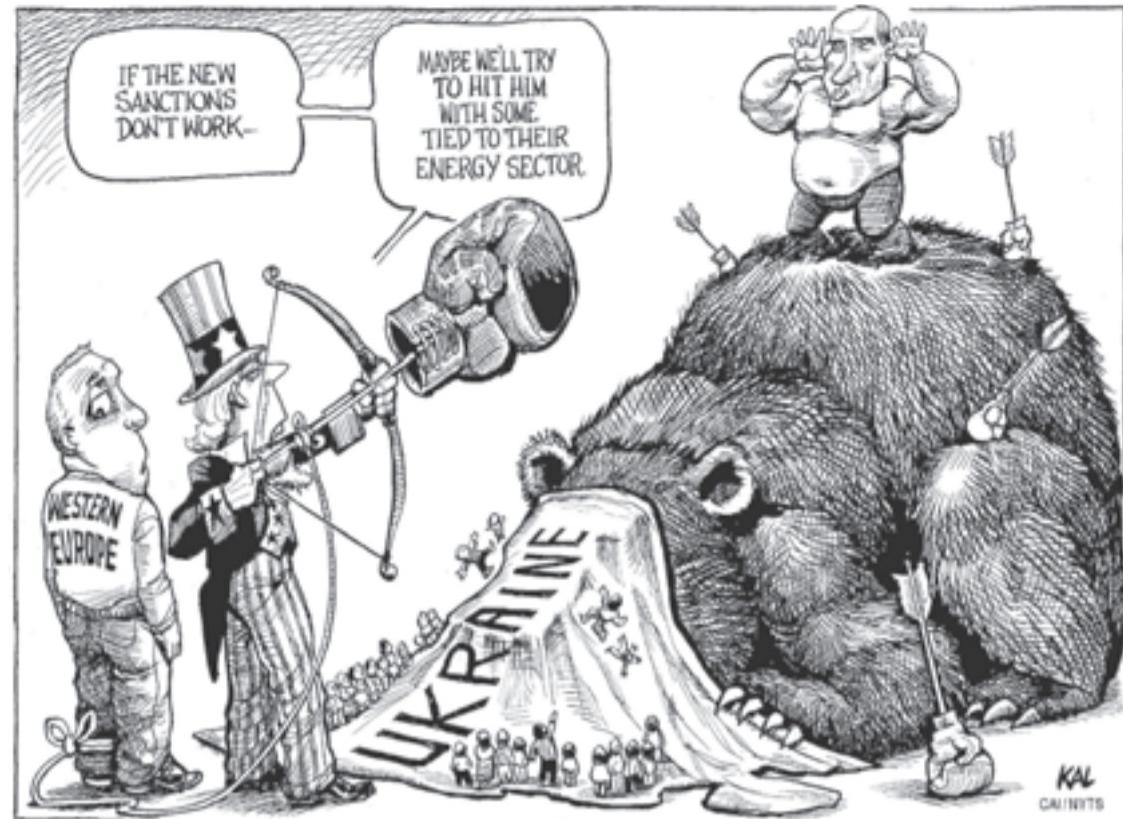
Hillary dodged the stiletto with quite a bit of dexterity and grace. But you had to ask: Why is this woman giving a paid talk to the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries? The Clintons came out of the White House with very little cash, but there's got to be a point when you stop making up for lost time.

It's not that money doesn't buy happiness. It's that these days it requires a whole lot more than a million dollars. More than half of all the members of Congress are now millionaires, but many of them don't seem to be all that thrilled about their financial condition.

"They feel: 'We're so underpaid,'" said Fred Wertheimer, the campaign finance reform activist.

Once politicians get to Congress, they become acquainted with people who are truly rich. That's pretty much a necessity because re-election is something else you cannot generally buy for a million dollars. Suddenly, they're hanging out with folks who have private jets and four houses.

Eventually, many lawmakers begin to feel as though they are making an enormous sacrifice by holding public office for \$174,000 a year. And then they're off to a D.C. law firm or lobbying job, which will pay them huge salaries for knowing the people they know. It will never occur to them that if voters had not given them that stint of public service, they would be processing divorce cases back home in East Cupcake. □



The Recession: Why Economics Failed



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On Wednesday last week, I wrapped up the class I've been teaching all semester: "The Great Recession: Causes and Consequences." (Slides for the lectures are available via my blog.) And while teaching the course was fun, I found myself turning at the end to an agonizing question: Why, at the moment it was most needed and could have done the most good, did economics fail?

I don't mean that economics was useless to policymakers. On the contrary, the discipline has had a lot to offer. While it's true that few economists saw the crisis coming - mainly, I'd argue, because few realized how fragile our deregulated financial system had become, and how vulnerable debt-burdened families were to a plunge in housing prices - the clean little secret of recent years is that, since the fall of Lehman Bros., basic textbook macroeconomics has performed very well.

But policymakers and politicians have ignored both the textbooks and the lessons of history. And the result has been a vast economic and human catastrophe, with trillions of dollars of productive potential squandered and millions of families placed in dire straits for no good reason.

In what sense did economics work well? Economists who took their own textbooks seriously quickly diagnosed the nature of our economic malaise: We

were suffering from inadequate demand. The financial crisis and the housing bust created an environment in which everyone was trying to spend less, but my spending is your income and your spending is my income, so when everyone tries to cut spending at the same time the result is an overall decline in incomes and a depressed economy. And we know (or should know) that depressed economies behave quite differently from economies that are at or near full employment.

For example, many seemingly knowledgeable people - bankers, business leaders, public officials - warned that budget deficits would lead to soaring interest rates and inflation. But economists knew that such warnings, which might have made sense under normal conditions, were way off base under the conditions we actually faced. Sure enough, interest and inflation rates stayed low.

And the diagnosis of our troubles as stemming from inadequate demand had clear policy implications: as long as lack of demand was the problem, we would be living in a world in which the usual rules didn't apply. In particular, this was no time to worry about budget deficits and cut spending, which would only deepen the depression. When John Boehner, then the House minority leader, declared in early 2009 that since American families were having to tighten their belts, the government should tighten its belt, too, people like me cringed; his remarks betrayed his economic ignorance. We needed more government spending, not less, to fill the hole left by inadequate private demand.

But a few months later President Barack Obama started saying exactly the same thing. In fact, it became a standard line in his speeches. Nor was it just rhetoric. Since 2010, we've seen a sharp decline in discretionary spending and an unprecedented

decline in budget deficits, and the result has been anemic growth and long-term unemployment on a scale not seen since the 1930s.

So why didn't we use the economic knowledge we had? One answer is that most people find the logic of policy in a depressed economy counterintuitive. Instead, what resonates with the public are misleading analogies with the finances of an individual family, which is why Obama began echoing Boehner.

And even supposedly well-informed people balk at the notion that simple lack of demand can wreak so much havoc. Surely, they insist, we must have deep structural problems, like a workforce that lacks the right skills; that sounds serious and wise, even though all the evidence says it's completely untrue. Meanwhile, powerful political factions find that bad economic analysis serves their objectives. Most obviously, people whose real goal is dismantling the social safety net have found promoting deficit panic an effective way to push their agenda. And such people have been aided and abetted by what I've come to think of as the *trahison des nerds* - the willingness of some economists to come up with analyses that tell powerful people what they want to hear, whether it's that slashing government spending is actually expansionary, because of confidence, or that government debt somehow has dire effects on economic growth even if interest rates stay low. Whatever the reasons basic economics got tossed aside, the result has been tragic. Most of the waste and suffering that have afflicted Western economies these past five years was unnecessary. We have, all along, had the knowledge and the tools to restore full employment. But policymakers just keep finding reasons not to do the right thing. □

Six Seconds of Loopy Creativity, and Millions of Fans

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When Twitter last year introduced Vine, a slick app that lets people shoot and share short videos, I did what I always do when a buzzy, high-profile service makes its debut: I immediately downloaded it and started playing.

Like Twitter, Vine is designed for brevity: Videos are limited to six seconds and run on a loop. In its early days, comedians, Hollywood studios and quirky stop-motion video artists adopted it.

Though the app intrigued me, I soon found myself struggling to create clips that were entertaining or, at least, interesting. After a few months, I lost interest, deleted the app and mostly forgot about it.

For a while, it seemed that nearly everyone else did, too. The tech press, which had fawned over the service when it began, stopped paying much attention to Vine after Instagram, the photo-sharing service owned by Facebook, unveiled a rival service called Instagram Video. It lets users create clips as long as 15 seconds.

But then something curious started to happen. Friends were sending me links to Vine videos via text and instant messages, and I found myself clicking to watch the clips, often several times a day. Such links were popping up constantly on services like Twitter, Facebook and Tumblr. The sheer proliferation of Vine links seemed to suggest that its popularity wasn't fading, but possibly surging. In fact, according to data from comScore, the mobile and Web analytics firm, Vine's overall traffic has reached 22 million unique visitors a month, compared with 3 million shortly after it started. I realized that I had approached the service in the wrong way: Instead of fumbling with figuring out how to make videos, I should have been enjoying those that others were posting. And now, there are a lot to enjoy.

Vine has become some-

If Instagram feels like looking at people's lives through rose-colored glasses, Vine feels like a tour of their chaotic, innermost thoughts. A recent spin through the service's

thing like a next-generation YouTube, a hotbed of microentertainment, Internet activity and youth culture. It's even giving rise to its own host of characters and personalities - and

veyed and grasped in a few seconds.

"You really have to have great timing," she said. "That's all it is."

She began uploading her impersonations to YouTube

creations, creating what he called a "perfect loop" that lets you "set the phone down, and it sounds like a song." Both Townsend and Bachelor say that Vine may never grow as large



Skye Townsend, an actress whose videos of herself mimicking Beyoncé are popular on the social media website Vine, records a clip in Los Angeles, May 1, 2014. Vine, where clips are limited to six seconds and run on a loop, has become something like a next-generation YouTube, a hotbed of microentertainment where Internet and youth culture ferment in new ways.

(J. Emilio Flores/The New York Times)

ultra-abbreviated videos revealed a hypnotic if wild carnival. There were close-ups of bubbling pots of ramen, a trio of girls jumping on a bed and a bobble-headed cartoon of the rapper Jay-Z pasted on the body of a dancing Beyoncé - that last pastiche put together in celebration of the famous couple's recent announcement that they were going on tour together. Mostly, the Vine videos that I watch feature young people filming one another dancing (my favorite is the "nae nae") or performing ill-advised stunts in the spirit of the rambunctious daredevil Johnny Knoxville. Families who film their telegenic offspring saying the darnedest things or making crazy faces is a big attraction, too. In many ways, it feels like the early Web - low stakes, raw and full of reckless abandon.

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is starting to seem like a mini-television network, designed exclusively for mobile.

Some of its most popular users have become hot commodities, trading their fandom into deals with companies that pay them to promote their products and brands. Some have even leveraged the service as a springboard to film and television opportunities. I asked one of my favorite Vine users, Skye Townsend - a 20-year-old actress living in Los Angeles who makes hilarious, satirical videos of herself as Beyoncé - to explain Vine's appeal. "Instagram is for your pictures and Twitter for your thoughts," she said. "Vine is for your personality." Often, that personality comes out best in a quick punch line. Vine is particularly suited for supershort comedy routines like hers, she said, or anything else that can be con-

when she was 13, but in the last few years drifted away from that platform, calling it unwieldy. "You have to record, edit it in iMovie and upload it to YouTube," she said. "When I discovered Vine, it was so quick and easy because you can just do them in six seconds." Andrew Bachelor, 25, has garnered 6.3 million Vine followers for comedy skits featuring his character KingBach. He says the looping mechanism is a big part of its appeal.

"There's something about the loop that makes it more enjoyable," he said. It works particularly well with physical humor, lip-syncing to popular songs, or new dance crazes. You can watch a video loop a few times, he said, letting the humor sink in. Or you can memorize dance moves and later practice them on your own. Some Vine users manipulate the audio component of their

as some of its social media peers, but that it taps into a demographic in high demand among media companies and advertisers.

Bachelor, who has been called "the king of Vine," has parlayed his success in social media into acting jobs, including a role on "Black Jesus," a planned cable TV comedy series on Adult Swim. He says its creators are hoping to reach the sort of audience he has assembled on Vine.

"Vine is definitely still underground," he said. "It's mostly kids from 12 to 25, and if you're out of that age range, then you aren't on your phone and you aren't watching Vine."

Vine has something that Twitter desperately needs: highly engaged young users. Last week, the company's first-quarter earnings report revealed that Twitter was struggling to attract new users and keep them interested. □